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EXPLORING ANCIENT MONEY OF CHINA

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The writer has been a hard rider of hobbies for half a century. I have often said that while one hobby can make a nut of you, half a dozen are better than a college education. The benefits we get from hobbies are not from the accumulation of articles — a pack-rat can do that — but from the accumulation of knowledge. Like many other things, we get out of a hobby what we put into it.

For years I have been intrigued by the ancient culture of China and by things Chinese. One day while junk-snooping, I found a mess of old Chinese coins. Not because they were coins, but because they were Chinese, I bought them. It would give me something to study. They were "all Chinese" to me but after a bit of research I found I had started three coin collections, Chinese, Japanese, and Korean, with a spicing from Annam to complicate things.

Coins, like everything else in the world, gain interest with acquaintance. The Chinese coinage, like other things Chinese, is so far from the things we know, if only looked at superficially, that they seem cut off by an insurmountable barrier. There are probably not over a score of serious collectors of ancient Chinese money in the United States. But there are many who pick up a few pieces for their "odd money" cabinet.

This little story of Chinese money is offered here to give you a glimpse of this interesting field. In the primitive epochs of Chinese history they were an agricultural and pastoral people. Life was simple and commerce was largely by barter. Even in primitive societies there were specialists of sorts, spinners, metal workers, weavers, tanners, so the things of everyday life and use were exchanged, the surplus for the needed.

Skins and tow for making clothing, rice and millet for food were exchanged but by their very nature were soon consumed, but the metal articles, spades, knives, hoes, spears, axes, were not only useful but long lived. More by natural evolution than by design, they became regular media of exchange. Also articles of personal adornment such as beautiful stones, shells, bracelets, valuable then as now among us, were comparatively indestructible so those also became media of exchange, and through it all, the cowrie shell, *cypreaa moneta*, circulated as real money as it has in many parts of the world for perhaps forty centuries at least.

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Right here a short dissertation on the cowrie may not be out of place. Later you will learn how very large a place it had in the practice and language of Chinese trade. Cowrie (No. 1) probably is from Kouri, its Hindustani name. The early Portuguese traders to the Orient called it porcella, a little pig. In early English, it was porkelin, and because its little, hard, smooth back was like the hard, smooth surface of certain Chinese ceramics, they called the latter porcelain. The cowrie loomed large in ancient China, and why? Food in sufficient quantities meant life to the early Chinese who lived by agriculture and stock raising. So like other primitive peoples their religion was largely phallic and concerned with fertility and its closely related fecundity. The cowrie shell on its under surface bore resemblance to the vulva, hence it became an amulet for man and beast to promote fecundity. This made it most precious so it was offered among man's most valued possessions to his ancestors and served as money or a medium of exchange. Then as in modern times size and color contributed to its value.

As in other things the object itself was made more valuable by labor expended upon it. The backs of the shells were cut out (No. 1), the edges ground smooth and back to back they were strung together. This wealth was often transported strung on poles or yokes across a man's shoulders.

Besides the real cowries many were made by artifice of nacre from large shells, of bone, of stone (No. 2), and of copper, sometimes gilded. As precious material and magical promoters of fecundity, cowries seem to have been burned for lime to whitewash place and utensils for the sacrifice to ancestors, a fecundity rite.

Inherent to the cowrie was the *yin*, the negative, the feminine force of Chinese dualism. So you see why the cowrie was important as a sacrificial gift to the ancestor. Ancestor worship was originally a phallic cult. One of the other precious things of the sacrifice was jade in which inhered the *yang*, the masculine, the positive force. In the same container with the precious cowries and jade was a jar, possibly filled with food. A conventionalized picture of these precious things in the sacrifice to the ancestors first appeared on the coins of the Chinese about 500 B. C. and quite regularly for the last thirteen centuries in the character *pao*, (Nos. 3-4), valuable, precious money.

Under Shih Huang-ti (222-209 B. C.) cowries, gems, tortoise shell, and pearls were banned as currency and small *pan-liang* (No. 5) coins issued.

That character *pan* is interesting. It means one-half. In ancient China as in the modern American packing house a slaughtered steer was split in half down the middle. Well, in the main radical in the word *pan* you see the horns, two legs and the tail, a rear view of your steer. Above the main radical are two little marks meaning to divide or separate. From the evidence of ancient inscriptions I am led to believe that these two little marks are the convex edges, all that remain, of the representation of two ancient stone knives.

Around 50 B. C., counterfeiting, the ever present curse in Chinese monetary annals, became so common that the bringing back of cowries and silk as media of exchange was seriously considered.

Speaking of counterfeiting, the practical Chinese wasted nothing, not even skill, so that in Old China, as in Old Japan, the counterfeiter



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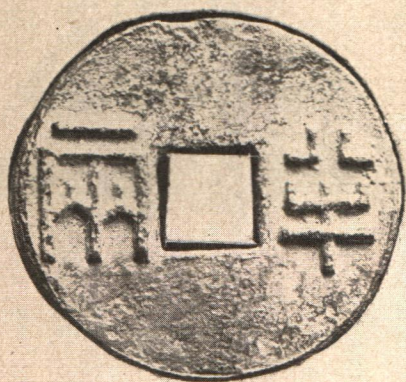
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was not immured in a jail but sentenced to work in the mint.

In 118 B. C., *Wu Chu* (5 chu or 5 grain) coins (No. 6), were first made, all former currency being called in and recast. The Government Mint was put under three officers who hired the best counterfeiters as workmen.

Besides counterfeiting there were all the usual methods of cheating on the coinage used in other countries, in later years. Filing the edges for the metal was one way so the Chinese invented the raised rim you see on modern money so any tampering would be readily noticed. Raised edges appeared on round coins circa 277 B. C.

Round coins introduced at the beginning of the *Chou* Dynasty were then called *Pao*.

Speaking of round coins, let us not forget that much of the early money of China was in the shape of the knives (No. 7) and spades (Nos. 8, 15, 16) first used in barter and later reproduced in diminutive size as tokens of the originals. Coins other than round ones were demonetized 135 B. C. All of which leads me to wonder. On much of the coinage of China for many centuries has appeared the inscription *yuan pao* (Nos. 4-9) the accepted translation of which is "original money." *Yuan* as written meaning original or first but *huan* and *yuan* and its contractions, *uan* and *ua* also mean round as the words are spoken in Chinese and it is not an uncommon practice among them to substitute one character for that of a homophone having an entirely different meaning and etymology. Could *yuan pao* have meant round money at first? I believe it did.

A good example of this character substitution is the character for *i* or *yi* meaning one. In ordinary literature it consists of a simple single horizontal line similar to our dash but in the world of commerce this simple numeral is too easy to alter to some other, so a character, really a picture of an ancient covered ceremonial jar (No. 10) called an *i* or *yi* (No. 11), is substituted for the simple single line. You will find this form of the numeral on the modern Chinese one dollar (No. 12) meaning *i yuan*, one round.

Chung pao (No. 3) is an expression frequently found on Chinese money and usually translated "heavy money." But the character *chung* is really a picture of a stack of scale weights, originally axe heads as used by the *min*, or common folk, but the standard weights were fixed by the ruling prince whose scale weight was the jade *tsung* or hollow tubes, square on the outside, commonly spoken of as symbols of earth. *Chung* also means "precious" and in view of the fact that it is found on the smaller varieties of cash, as well as the larger ones it seems that precious is a more consistent translation as well as being thoroughly in accord with Chinese psychology as shown in other coin inscriptions. Or *chung* might better be translated "weighed" indicating a certain fixed value by weight.

The Chinese word and character *Hin*, commonly read *chin*, was an instrument to cut wood, an axe or hatchet. It was also an instrument to weigh with, a scale weight with the form of an axe head in ancient China. The *chin* or catty was the Chinese pound which consisted of sixteen ounces or *liang*, a unit of value familiar on early Chinese money as the *pan-liang* (No. 5) or half-ounce. And just as the coin for the British pound did not of necessity weigh a pound or the Mexican peso did not of necessity weigh a peso, so we find the ancient *pan-liang*, first

issued about 336 B. C. did not of necessity weigh a *half-liang*. The character *liang* (Nos. 5-11) is nothing but a simple picture of an ancient scale or balance.

So, we have learned, the axe head as a medium of exchange became also a unit of value and the character *Chih*, meaning to settle the price, is represented by two axe heads and a cowrie (for cowries).

As an interesting aside here, when the price was agreed upon, a deed or contract showing the terms of sale was sometimes necessary. This contract was prepared in duplicate and the two cut apart, each party taking one. The idea was identical with our indentures, originally made in duplicate and cut apart with a zig-zag cut so that the dents or teeth fitted into each other exactly so that proof of authenticity could not later be disputed.

Now if you take your character with the cowrie and axe heads meaning the price agreed upon and place to its right the symbol for a knife, you will have the character *Chih*, the name of the deed or indenture. Like in many other things, the Chinese had a word for it and beat us to it.

On much early money, for example on the heavier type of knife coins (No. 7), we find the character *hua* meaning to convert or exchange, being exchangeable. This character was originally a simplified representation of a man in two postures, first erect, then upside down — heels over head, truly a conversion.

Now let us put our *hua* meaning exchangeable above the cowrie, symbol of wealth and we have exchangeable wealth, i.e. goods for trade, the character *huo* (Nos. 13, 14, 15) found on some early coinage. The character *hua* (No. 7) seems at times used as a unit of value and also as an abbreviation of *huo*, or goods.

Reminiscent of the old jar or sugar bowl in which grandma kept her current cash is the character *Ch'u* (No. 7) found on the old knife money of *Ch'i* and the weight money of *Liang* (No. 16). It is really a pictograph of a jar and cover, man's first treasury. The character is often misread *fa*, legal.

In reading ancient inscriptions in Chinese (or any other language) do not expect them to mean just what some corresponding word or symbol might mean today. The old inscriptions are more simple, highlighting ideas. Abstractions, remote interpretations came later. As society progresses, becomes more complicated, demands on the language increase.

Remember Chinese is a living language, subject to evolutionary changes of growth, corruption, obsolescence and decay. When there is a new idea to express, some old word or symbol may be given some abstract or remotely far fetched meaning. Remember when the little stenographer was given a word she did not know and she wrote a similar word she did know even if there was not the remotest connection. Well, Chinese scribes and illiterates have been writing and speaking that way for more than thirty centuries and much of it stuck.

Please remember, I am illiterate myself in Chinese. This article is written in self defense. The numismatist who reads this will never say, to me, "What do you see in that rusty old junk?" As one who has had many hobbies, I will say none pack more thrills for the curious student that the coins of Ancient China.



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KEY TO ILLUSTRATIONS

1. Cowrie shells, the ancient money of China, possibly borrowed from Babylon. The first shows the underneath side. The other two picture the upper surface with the backs cut out and edges ground down.

2. Artificial cowrie of ivory stained light green with copper. Not elephant ivory. Probably walrus.

3. Chin Dynasty, 1115-1260 A.D. Emperor Chang Tsung, 1190-1208 A.D. Reign title, Tai Ho, 1201-1208 A.D. The character on the left is Pao, valuable. Its radical at the bottom is the cowrie with its two feelers which do not show in the shells. The radical at the upper left stands for jade while the one at the upper right is a jar with its cover. Over all is a cover or container for the precious offerings. This is known as seal writing. Pao is shown in the common script in the larger character on the left in Fig. 4. The earliest form of Pao showed a cowrie with a yoke load of cowries conventionalized, over all, with the jade and jar omitted.

The right-hand character in Fig. 3 is an ornate representation of a stack of scale weights, the character *Chung* meaning weight, heavy, increased (inflated) value.

4. A modern silver dollar of Kirin, Kwang Hsu, 1875-1908. Top, right to left, Kirin Province made. Bottom, Treasury scales seven *ch'ien*, two *fen*. Large center inscription, read top, bottom, right, left. Kuang Hsu Yuan Pao. In the center is the great monad, the complete whole composed of the opposites *yang* and *yin*. The dark *yin* has a light "eye," the light *yang* has a dark "eye" to indicate there is no such thing as the absolute even in opposites. A text for a sermon there.

5. This is a large *pan* (pronounced "ban") *liang* piece, possibly a counterfeit, but showing the characters beautifully. Read right to left.

6. The *wu chu* (pronounced "ju" or more commonly "shu"). The *wu* was originally an X, the horizontal lines were later added and the curved hour glass sides were made to "fancy it up" in seal writing.

7. Obverse and reverse of ancient knife money of a type in use between 690 and 221 B.C. Ringed handles truncated to save space. The first character *Ch'i* (Ts'i of Lacouperie) is the place name and represents three (i.e. many) heads of grain, symbolic of a billowy field of grain. The second character is the cover over the jar which I have had the temerity to translate "treasury" contrary to modern and remotely derived translations. The lower character on each face is *hua* meaning to convert, exchange, exchangeable.

8. A square foot spade or *pu* (pronounced "boo") coin from An-Yang, being the commonest of the *pu* coins. Circa 450 B.C.

9. Southern Sung Dynasty. 1127-1279 A.D. Emperor Kao Tsung. Reign title, Shao Hsing, 1131-1162.

The Sung Dynasty made many coins with beautiful seal characters such as these. Read from top clockwise, *Shao Hsing Yuan Pao*.

10. The reverse of a beautiful coin of the rebel Wu San Kuei, 1674 A.D. Read right to left *i fen*, one *fen*. Here in seal character you may readily recognize the old ceremonial jar *i* or *yi* used for the numeral one. You would not so easily recognize it in the right hand character in Fig. 11 or the upper-most character in Fig. 12.

11. This is the reverse of a coin issued in 1676 by the rebel Keng Ching Chung. The top character is *kung*, a picture of the workman's square. Its commonest meaning is work and it will be found on many coins of the Ch'ing or last dynasty as the mintmark of the Board of Public Works which ran one of the largest mints. On the right is the commercial character *i* or *yi*, one, in common script. On the left is the scale in balance, the character *liang*, ounce, which you saw on the ancient *pan liang* money.

12. Reverse of Yuan Shih K'ai silver dollar, 1913. *I yuan*, or one dollar. The character *yuan* means round. Sometimes the character *yuan* as on the right side in Fig. 4, meaning first or original is substituted for it.

13. Southern T'ang. Emperor Yuan Tsung (Li Kung). Died 961 A.D.

13a. Chin (Kin) Dynasty, 1115-1234 A.D. Emperor Chang Tsung. Reign title Cheng An, 1196-1200. Rare. On both of these coins you see on the left beautiful examples of the character *huo* which is not often seen on coins so

modern. On the right of No. 13 you find the modern character *ch'uan*, meaning source, while on the left in No. 14 you find the ancient form on an old coin of the usurper, Wang Mang, 9-22 A.D. To the right on this coin and also in Fig. 15 you see the ancient forms of *huo*. No. 15 is the commonest *pu* coin of Wang Mang, being a revival of earlier types which shows his antiquarian interest harking back to the type of Fig. 8, long since abolished.

The ancient spade coins were called *pu* and to the left on the piece in Fig. 15 you see the character *pu* much elongated. It is a picture of the right hand holding a stick (father) and from the hand is suspended a piece of cloth. *Pu* means to spread out, to diffuse.

Fig. 16 is a piece of weight money or saddle money of around 350 B.C. Reading from top to bottom, right to left, we learn that it is from "Liang treasury, a cutting hoe, 20 worth a lueh." A diminutive old weeding tool. Treasury, in the lower right, I believe to be a variation of character 2, Fig. 7. The tail at the bottom is all that remains of a supporting hand.

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CONVENTION OF THE OHIO STATE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The Cincinnati Numismatic Association was host to the Ohio State Numismatic Society at their spring convention on March 26-27, 1949. The convention was held at the Hotel Sinton with a display, open to the public, and bourse. The local papers gave the affair good publicity, and with three large window displays, drew exceptionally good attendance.

The banquet was held Saturday night with radio personnel and attending guests participating to furnish the entertainment. Sol Kaplan introduced A.N.A. officials Loyd B. Gettys, Lewis M. Reagan, Harold Klein, Col. Joseph Moss and L. S. Werner; Mayor Albert Cash of Cincinnati, who gave a short talk; and Thomas Gallagher of the local Secret Service.

Ribbons were awarded for the best displays based on completeness, originality and condition of coins. First award went to Harold Lewetch, Cincinnati; second to G. D. Parvin, Cincinnati; third to Raymond Hatfield, Lebanon, Ohio; and fourth to Fred Potts, Cincinnati.

Election of officers for the Ohio State Numismatic Society was held Sunday morning. Fred Burton, Columbus, was elected president; Vernon L. Oblisk, Akron, vice president; Charles H. Clark, Worthington, secretary; Fred Potts, Cincinnati, treasurer; and John A. Warner, Columbus, librarian-curator. The board of governors elected were Leo Thomas, Ashland; Lu Riggs, Cincinnati; James Kelly, Dayton; C. C. Schroyer, Toledo; and C. D. Clark, Akron.

Sol Kaplan was general chairman of the convention, and James Kelly held an auction both afternoons.

—GEORGE D. PARVIN, *Secretary*

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEDALS OF 1889

An Illustrated List of the Medals of the Centennial Celebration of the Inauguration of George Washington, 1889

By SUSAN H. DOUGLAS, Caldwell, New Jersey

One hundred and sixty years ago on April 30, 1789, George Washington was inaugurated first president of the United States. The celebration of the centennial anniversary of this epochal event, centered upon New York City and the historic spots forever distinguished by the original episodes. The citizens of New York, in conjunction with the chamber of commerce of the State of New York, the New York Historical Society, the Order of the Society of the Cincinnati and the Society of the Sons of the Revolution, organized a Grand Committee of Citizens to plan and direct the celebration. In March of 1888, the committee addressed President Grover Cleveland, requesting that "he draw the attention of Congress to this subject by special message, and thereby impart to this great celebration the broad characteristic of nationality in which the States and Territories could fully join."

The whole nation did join unstintingly in the observance. The centennial day was declared a general holiday by act of Congress. In a proclamation dated April 4, 1889, President Benjamin Harrison recommended "that on Tuesday, April 30, at the hour of nine o'clock in the morning, the people of the entire country repair to their respective places of Divine Worship, for prayer and thanksgiving." The public ceremonies began on April 29th with an elaborate naval parade of ships of war, yachts and steamboats commanded by Admiral David D. Porter, U.S.N., as Chief Marshal which escorted President Harrison across New York Harbor from New Jersey. Arriving in the East River opposite Wall Street, he was rowed ashore in a barge, manned by a crew of shipmasters from the Marine Society, whose members had, a century before, rowed George Washington from Elizabethport to the same spot.

This day and the two following were crowded with parades, banquets, displays of fireworks, and religious ceremonies at historic old St. Paul's, all centered around the literary exercises of April 30th. Appropriately, these were held in front of the sub-treasury building in Wall St., formerly the site of old Federal Hall where Washington took the original inaugural oath in 1789. A section of its original iron balcony railing, behind which the first inaugural group stood, occupies a place of honor in the New York Historical Society Museum. The old building itself has a further assurance of immortality through its portrayal upon many of the medallic souvenirs of the 1889 celebration.

In compiling the check list which follows, an attempt has been made to include all die-struck and cast issues bearing the likeness of Washington and produced in any connection with the national celebration of the centennial anniversary of his inauguration. While no claim can be made for completeness, the list of 61 items, it is believed, does add sufficiently to the only two previously published lists to warrant an entire rearrangement. The first list by Lyman H. Low, appeared in the *American Journal of Numismatics*, Vol. 23, 1890, p. 62 and listed eleven items numbered I to XI. The second by J. H. Ten Eyck Burr, followed in the same publi-



cation, Vol. 23, 1890, p. 62 and listed eleven additional items, continuing the Low numbering, XII to XXII.

In 1900, L. Bayard Smith listed and described all the Washington medals in his collection. This list is unpublished and consists of type-written pages, bound in book form, entitled "Catalogue of the Medallie Memorials of Washington belonging to L. Bayard Smith." The book and Mr. Smith's collection are now owned by F. C. C. Boyd.

Any of the pieces in the following list that were included in any one or all of the three previous lists has been noted as part of the description of the piece.

The medals have been listed alphabetically by their titles as taken from the top line of the reverse legend, or from the main theme and design such as ALUMINUM, THIRTEEN LINKS, FEDERAL HALL, SEAL, BROOKLYN BRIDGE and TAKING THE OATH.

The American scale of sixteenths of an inch has been retained in preference to the more modern millimeter for measuring the diameters, in the belief that, since the list is in the Washington field, collectors will prefer not to change from the unit used in the Washington publications of Snowden, Wayte Raymond, Baker, Burr, Low, and Smith.

A great many of the pieces in this group were issued both with and without a pierced hole for suspension from a ribbon, ribbon and bar or eagle pin. Only when bars and ribbons have been unusual have they been described.

Unless otherwise noted, pieces in the list are in the collection of the author.

1. ABOVE ALL THINGS HOLD DEAR

Obv. Undraped bust left with TIFFANY & CO. just below. Around the border, WASHINGTON CENTENNIAL MEDAL . NEW JERSEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY . 1789 APRIL 1889 .

Rev. Legend on upper field in three lines, ABOVE ALL THINGS/HOLD DEAR/YOUR NATIONAL UNION. On lower field, seal of the New Jersey Historical Society with a half wreath extending from each side around the left and right border, almost touching at the top.

Edge numbered; 48 and 52 in bronze owned by the author; 71 in bronze by the American Numismatic Society.

Gold, silver and bronze.

Size 38

This piece was ordered struck in 1889 but was not issued until 1895, as the following account will explain. "On Jan. 22, 1889, a resolution was passed by the New Jersey Historical Society to strike a medal in commemoration of the Centennial of the Inauguration of Washington." The committee of five reported on Jan. 23, 1894, that "The striking of the medal has been delayed by the continued illness of the engraver and by the correction of an error in the motto." At this time the committee turned over to the society, together with the dies, specimen medals in bronze and silver. On May 16, 1895, at the Historical Society's Semi-Centennial Celebration in Newark, New Jersey, medal No. 1 in gold was presented to Ex-President Benjamin Harrison. Medal No. 2 in silver was presented to Hon. Robert S. Green, who had been the Governor of New Jersey during the Centennial year. Each member of the committee received a silver medal and a "copy in bronze was voted to each of the contributors to the cost of cutting the dies."

Designed by Tiffany & Co. The dies were executed by Tardier, engraver

of the present seal of the United States. The medals were struck at the Mint in Philadelphia, under the direction of Supt. Bosbyshell. — Semi-Centennial Celebration New Jersey Historical Society, 1895.

2. ABOVE ALL THINGS HOLD FAST

Obv. Same as ABOVE ALL THINGS HOLD DEAR

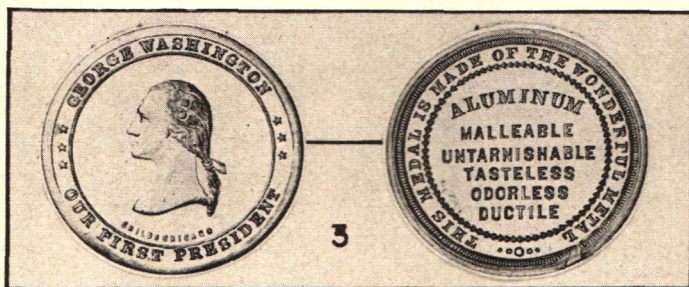
Rev. Same design as above. Legend, the same except for the word FAST instead of DEAR.

Silver, bronze and lead

Size 38

The silver impression owned by the New Jersey Historical Society; bronze by F. C. C. Boyd; lead by the author.

In the records of the Historical Society a fee was paid to Tiffany & Co. for the correction of the die of this medal so as to read as in number one.



3. ALUMINUM No. 1

Obv. Undraped bust left enclosed by a circle with CHILDS CHICAGO on lower inside border of circle. Around outside border, on a plain band, GEORGE WASHINGTON on upper border, OUR FIRST PRESIDENT on lower border; three stars on the left and right.

Rev. Legend in beaded circle, in six lines, the first curved, ALUMINUM / MALLEABLE / UNTARNISHABLE / TASTELESS / ODORLESS / DUCTILE. Around the border on a plain band, THIS MEDAL IS MADE OF THE WONDERFUL METAL with . . . at bottom

Aluminum

Size 21

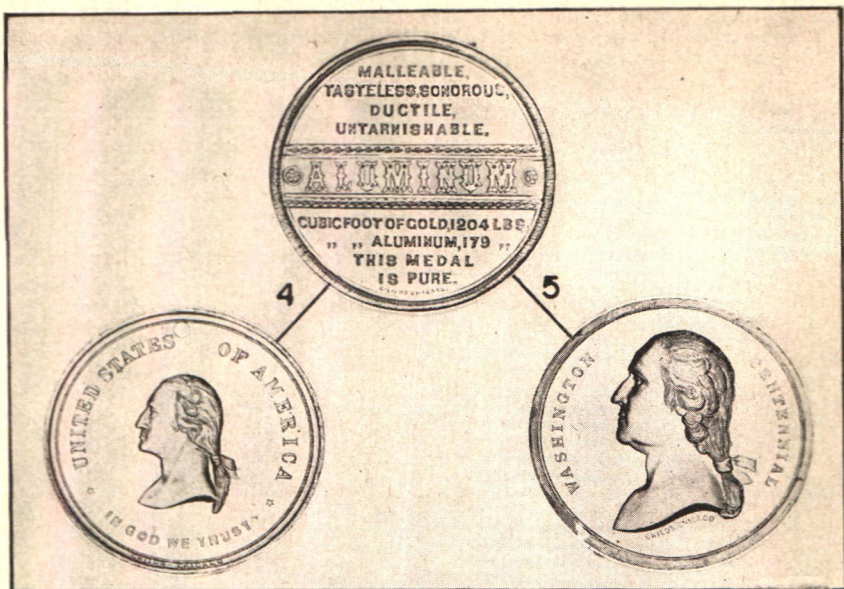
Smith no. 4, p. 66

The manufacturers of aluminum grasped the opportunity of the centennial celebration to advertise their new product.

4. ALUMINUM No. 2

Obv. Undraped bust left. Around upper border * UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * and around lower border, in smaller letters, IN GOD WE TRUST. On the raised rim of the edge at the bottom CHILDS CHICAGO

Rev. Across the center on a fancy bordered band with a small design at each end ALUMINUM On the upper field in four lines, MALLEABLE, / TASTELESS, SONOROUS, / DUCTILE, / UNTARNISHABLE. and on lower field in four lines CUBIC FOOT OF GOLD, 1204 LBS. / " " ALUMINUM, 179 " /



THIS MEDAL / IS PURE. Around lower border CHILDS . CHICAGO.

Aluminum

Size 23

Smith no. 1, p. 51

5. ALUMINUM No. 3

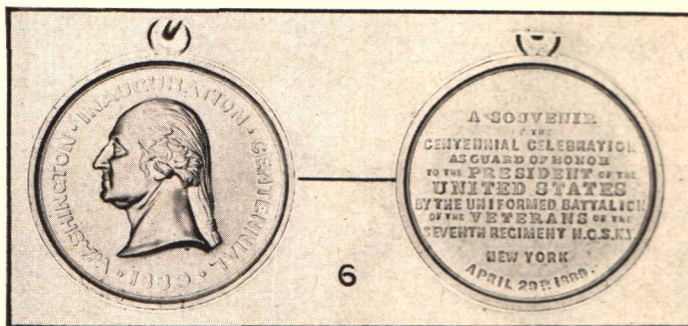
Obv. Undraped bust left, below, CHILDS . CHICAGO. Around left and right border WASHINGTON and CENTENNIAL

Rev. Same as ALUMINUM No. 2

Aluminum

Size 23

Smith no. 4, p. 50



6. A SOUVENIR — N.G.S.N.Y.

Obv. Undraped bust left. Around border . WASHINGTON . INAU- GURATION . CENTENNIAL . with 1889 on lower border.

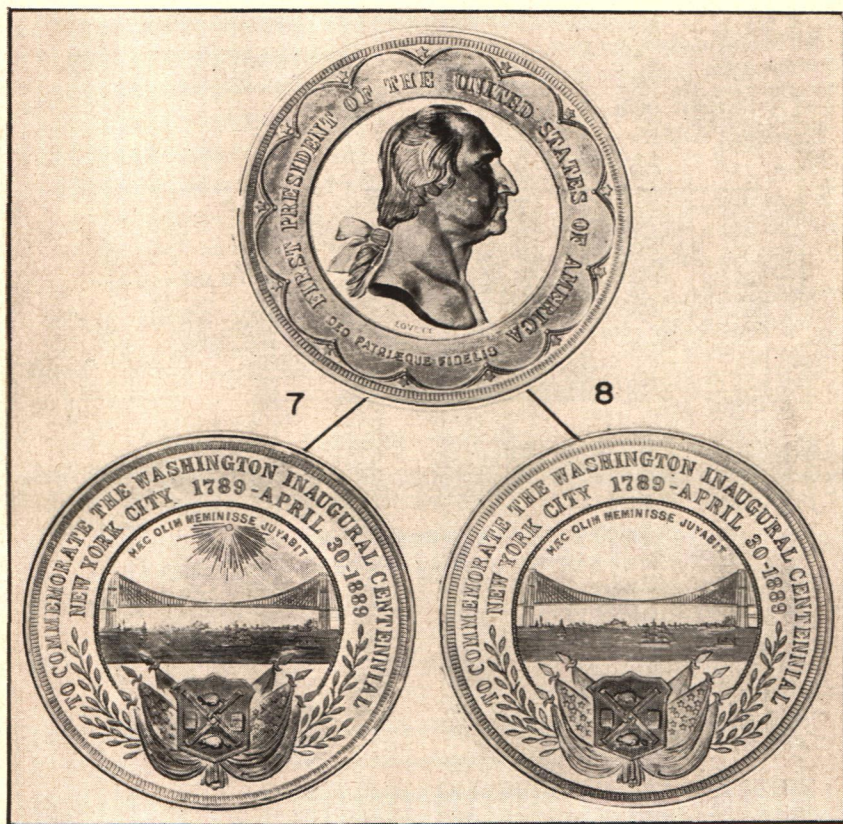
Rev. Legend in eleven lines, the last curved, A SOUVENIR / OF

THE / CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION / AS GUARD OF
HONOR / TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE / UNITED STATES
/ BY THE UNIFORMED BATTALION / OF THE VETERANS
OF THE / SEVENTH REGIMENT N.G.S.N.Y. / NEW YORK
/ APRIL 29TH 1880.

Bronze

Size 22

Suspended by a red ribbon from a bronze bar; in the center, a Roman 5 and N.G. in script, encircled by a belt, buckled and inscribed on the left, PRO PATRIA and on the right, ET GLORIA; a large 7 on the top of circle and holder at the bottom. 1789 and 1889 to the left and right on the bar.



7. BROOKLYN BRIDGE No. 1

Obv. Undraped bust right in sunken circle with LOVETT near lower edge. Around the border, a raised band with thirteen arches and stars on the outer edge; on the inner edge of the upper border FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and on the lower border, in smaller letters, DEO PATRIAEQUE FIDELIS

Rev. Enclosed in a beaded circle, view of Brooklyn Bridge and East River with radiant sun, above the sun, curved, in small letters, HAEC OLIM MENINISSE Around the border a wide band,

broken at the bottom by the Arms of New York City upon six crossed flags with two sprays on each side; around upper border, in two lines: TO COMMEMORATE THE WASHINGTON INAUGURAL CENTENNIAL / NEW YORK CITY 1789 - APRIL 30 - 1889

Bronze and w.m.

Size 32

Low XI; Smith no. 2, p. 18

8. BROOKLYN BRIDGE No. 2

Obv. Same as BROOKLYN BRIDGE No. 1

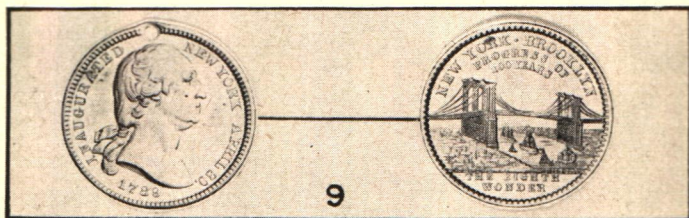
Rev. Same as BROOKLYN BRIDGE No. 1 except there is no sun.

W.M.

Size 32

Smith no. 3, p. 18

"Of these there were only 18 or 20 struck, the radiant sun having been added to the die, after these few were struck off, to cover a defect in the die. By G. H. Lovett, from whom the above information was given me." — *Smith*
F. C. C. Boyd collection.



9. BROOKLYN BRIDGE No. 3

Obv. Undraped bust right. Around left and right border, INAUGURATED and NEW YORK APRIL 30. Around lower border 1789

Rev. View of the Brooklyn Bridge and East River with G. B. SOLEY PHILA on the lower edge. Around upper border, in three lines, NEW YORK . BROOKLYN / PROGRESS OF / 100 YEARS
 Across lower border, in two straight lines, THE EIGHT / WONDER

Brass and w.m.

Size 16

Burr XVII; Smith no. 1, p. 116

Suspended by a blue satin ribbon from a hatchet pin, inscribed, I CANNOT TELL A LIE.

10. CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION No. 1

Obv. Undraped bust right with GEORGE and WASHINGTON on the left and right, curved. Around the border, two sprays, crossed at the bottom and almost touching at top.

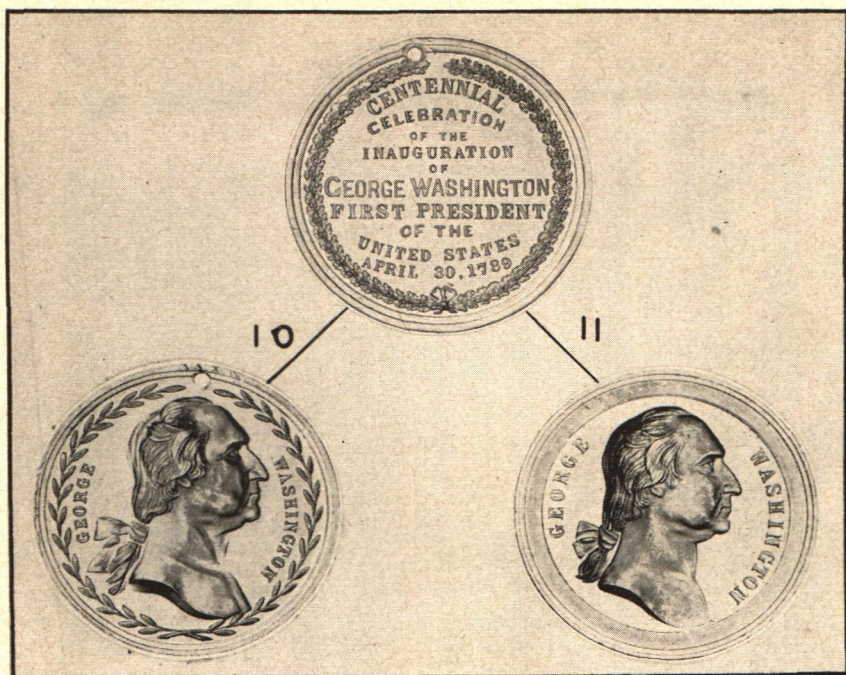
Rev. Legend in ten lines, the first two and last two, curved, CENTENNIAL / CELEBRATION / OF THE / INAUGURATION / OF / GEORGE WASHINGTON / FIRST PRESIDENT / OF THE / UNITED STATES / APRIL 30, 1789 Around the border, a wreath, open at the top and small bow at bottom.

White metal

Size 25

11. CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION No. 2

Obv. Undraped bust right, G.H.L. on truncation; GEORGE and



WASHINGTON to the left and right, curved. Around the border, a plain raised band.

Rev. Same as CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION No. 1

White metal

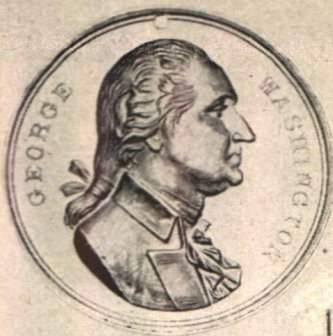
Size 25

Smith no. 2, p. 35

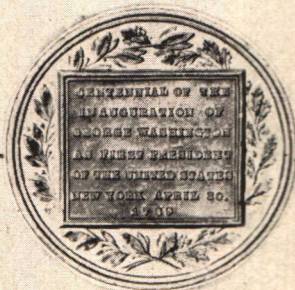


12. CENTENNIAL — CHAS. S. HIGGINS

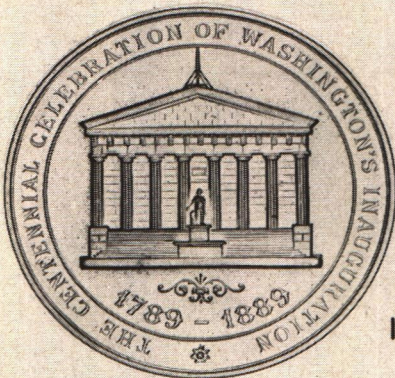
Obv. Undraped bust left. Around upper border, PRESIDENT and



13



14



16

around lower border 1789

Rev. In the center, in form of circle, CHAS. S. HIGGINS TOILET SOAP with PURE MILLED straight across the center, overlapping each side. Around upper border CENTENNIAL and around lower border 1889

Wax impression, die struck

Size 35

American Numismatic Society Collection

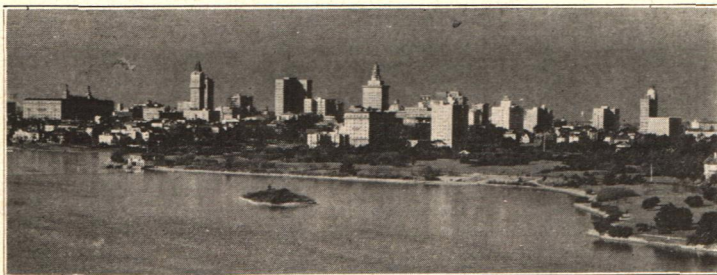
Higgin's German Laundry Soap was advertised on typical cards of the day by Chas. S. Higgins, 94 Wall Street, N.Y. On a shipping container of heavy cardboard with wooden top and bottom is a diamond shaped shipping label, printed, Chas. S. Higgins & Son, Pure Milled Glycerine Ball Toilet Soap, Park and Clinton Aves., Brooklyn, N.Y. U.S.A.

(To be Continued)

SAN FRANCISCO — SIGHTSEERS' DELIGHT

San Francisco offers a lot to those intent on seeing the sights. Four days is hardly enough and many are planning to come early or stay late.

The Committee will plan at least one tour and possibly two. The 49-mile tour (In '49 everything is 49) which starts at the City Hall and the War Memorial Building where the United Nations was born in 1945 and takes you over a course planned to show off San Francisco at its best.



Within easy reach of the Palace Hotel is famed Chinatown and the fine shops on Grant Ave. The Wells Fargo Bank has a museum across the street and the Federal Reserve Bank on Sansome Street in proximity to the old building which has the old basement of the first mint in the city.

Overlooking Golden Gate entrance is the Palace of the Legion of Honor in Lincoln Park and here, too, are the Golden Gate Park Museum, Aquarium, Natural Science Exhibits, etc.

California and Western history is offered at the California Hist. Soc., the Soc. of California Pioneers, the S.F. Public Library, the Wells Fargo Bank, the Bancroft Library on the U. C. Campus in Berkeley — and the Mission Dolores built in historic 1776.

The cable cars — Fisherman's Wharf — the Barbary Coast — Brother, if you don't come to San Francisco you'll be missing the time of your life.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

ROY HILL, *Chairman*

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HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION

Members and visitors who expect to attend the convention in San Francisco, California, August 21-25, 1949, should make their hotel reservations early. It will be impossible, as for several past conventions, for all those in attendance to be housed in the headquarters hotel, but arrangements have been made with nearby hotels to provide a sufficient number of rooms if reservations are made promptly.

Reservations will be handled in order of their receipt and every effort will be made to comply with your wishes. A local committee will work closely with the Housing Bureau of San Francisco and all reservations must be cleared through this Bureau.



The Palace Hotel 1949 Convention Headquarters

It is customary for all hotels in California to require a deposit of \$10 per room for any reservation made for a convention. This deposit is credited to your account with the hotel and will be refunded if cancellation is made sufficiently in advance to enable the accommodations to be assigned to someone else, and in any case if cancellation is made as much as two days in advance of the effective date of the reservation. Such a deposit guarantees that the reservation will be held for your arrival on that day, whatever the hour, and also protects you against any increase in rate. If you prefer not to make an advance deposit, the reservation will be accepted but will be cancelled at 6 p.m. on the first day for which it is made if you have not arrived by that time.

In making your reservations, please estimate the day and time of arrival and be sure to notify the hotel if any change is necessary.

To make reservations, please write for an application form and return it to the address thereon. These forms may be obtained from the General Secretary, Box 577, Wichita, Kansas, or Convention Headquarters, Edward Fogler, Chairman, 717 Sutter St., San Francisco 9, California, or American Numismatic Association Housing Bureau, Room 200, Civic Auditorium, San Francisco 2, California.

LEWIS M. REAGAN, *General Secretary*
EDWARD FOGLER, *General Chairman*

Book Reviews

Berliner Numismatische Zeitschrift, 1949, No. 1. (Berlin Numismatic Magazine), published by the Berlin Numismatic Society, c/o Dr. W. Wruck, Warnemuender Strasse 2, Berlin-Schmargendorf.

Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, the numismatic periodical of the once famed Berlin Numismatic Society has risen again. Considering the conditions now prevailing in the ruined city of Berlin, it must be doubly appreciated. Planned at first as a quarterly, the new publication is being edited by Professor Suhle, well-known specialist in the mediaeval series, Dr. Wruck, Berlin numismatist, and Herbert Stamm. No. 1 opens with obituaries to two famed numismatic luminaries, who have passed on these past years: Professor Hugo Gaebler and Friedrich von Schroetter, whose merits, in the ancient and Germanic fields respectively, are too well known to need mention.

Two articles pertaining to the Macedonian Royal coins, Professor Kleiner's "Coin Types of Philip and Alexander," and Alfred Mammoth's "The Tetradrachms of Philip of Macedon" are exhaustive, expert studies and successful attempts to bring orderly arrangement to an admittedly difficult series. They are accompanied by (a great rarity in today's Europe), an excellent photo-mechanic plate each. Continuing in the Greek vein is "Solon or Peisistratos?" by Dr. Bauer, investigating the dating of the early Athenian tetradrachms. But the Germanic series are not forgotten. Dr. E. Waschinski publishes an unusual Brandenburg denarius; Peter Berghaus reports on a hoard of silver ingot found near Paderborn in 1434, and reproduces the old chronicle telling of it; the final and perhaps most ambitious article is Professor Suhle's "Development of the Berlin Mint from a Private Enterprise to a Modern Government Establishment."

Minutes of the sessions of the Society and book reviews complete the first issue of what we all hope will be a most successful and valuable addition to numismatic literature and endeavor. Good luck! — H. W. HOLZER

Numismatic Literature, January, 1949, No. 6. Published quarterly by the American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets, New York 32, N.Y. 35¢ a copy, \$1.00 per year.

This relatively new publication of the A.N.S. is filling a great need — that of giving reviews of numismatic books and magazine articles published throughout the world. Many books and articles would otherwise remain practically unknown as it is not feasible to publish a large number of reviews in a general numismatic publication.

The January issue of *Numismatic Literature* contains reviews of books and magazine articles covering the general collecting field: Ancient Greek, Roman, Byzantine, and Visigothic monies; Mediaeval and modern European. There are also lists of current periodicals, Book Review Index, Coin Trade Catalogues, Obituaries.

Typical of the outstanding quality of the material being published in *The Numismatist* is the fact that out of 132 reviews, a total of 20, or 15% were published in *The Numismatist*. — ARLIE SLABAUGH

The Viking Coinage of London, A.D. 872 to 886, by H. Alexander Parsons. Published by Spink & Son, Ltd., 5, 6 & 7, King Street, St. James', London, S. W. 1., 1948. 24 pages, illustrated. Paper cover. \$1.00.

This treatise covers the subject of Danish coinage in London during their occupation of England. A history of the Danish occupation and the background of their coinage is fully given in a terse style that is easily understood. Throughout the text appear excellent descriptions and illustrations of the London coinage of the Vikings. Most of the specimens illustrated are from the author's collection and the British Museum.

Collectors should not be misled by the small size of this booklet which was caused by printing difficulties. It is full of valuable information on a period that is historically and numismatically obscure. — ARLIE SLABAUGH

Notes on the Early Coinage of Transoxiana, by Richard N. Frye. Numismatic Notes and Monographs No. 113. Published by the American Numis-

matic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, 1949. 50 pp. One plate. Paper bound.

In this work we approach the subject of the pre-Islamic coinage of the ancient kingdom of Transoxiana located in Western Turkestan. There is first a discussion of the earliest coinage from about the time of Alexander the Great. This is followed by material on the coins of Khwarazm and Bukhara, the Sogdian coins, and the Islamic coinage of the seventh and eighth centuries. Completing the book is the Persian text of Chapter 17 of Narshakhi's History of Bukhara which has numismatic significance and which has been translated into English. There is also a plate of nine Bukharan and Khwarazmian coins.

— ARLIE SLABAUGH

"Barbarous Radiates," imitations of Third-Century Roman Coins, by Philip V. Hill. Numismatic Notes and Monographs No. 112. Published by the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York City, 1949. 44 pp. 4 plates. Paper cover.

Written on the subject of barbarian imitations of third-century Roman coins, this work is devoted largely to the British imitations. As yet very little progress has been made in this field but the author has done surprisingly well in this monograph which attempts to take us another step forward by covering several phases of the barbarian imitation's puzzle.

Discussions are given on why the coins were made, how they were made, grading the coins, dating the coins, and how the wide variety of types might well be catalogued by dividing them into animate and inanimate types which can then be subdivided.

The excellent appendix gives a list of British ancient coin hoards in which the barbarous imitations have appeared along with pertinent information about each find. A map of Britain shows the location of these finds. There is also a section devoted to foreign hoards and four plates illustrating "barbarous radiates."

— ARLIE SLABAUGH

AUTOGRAPHS OF FRANCIS E. SPINNER

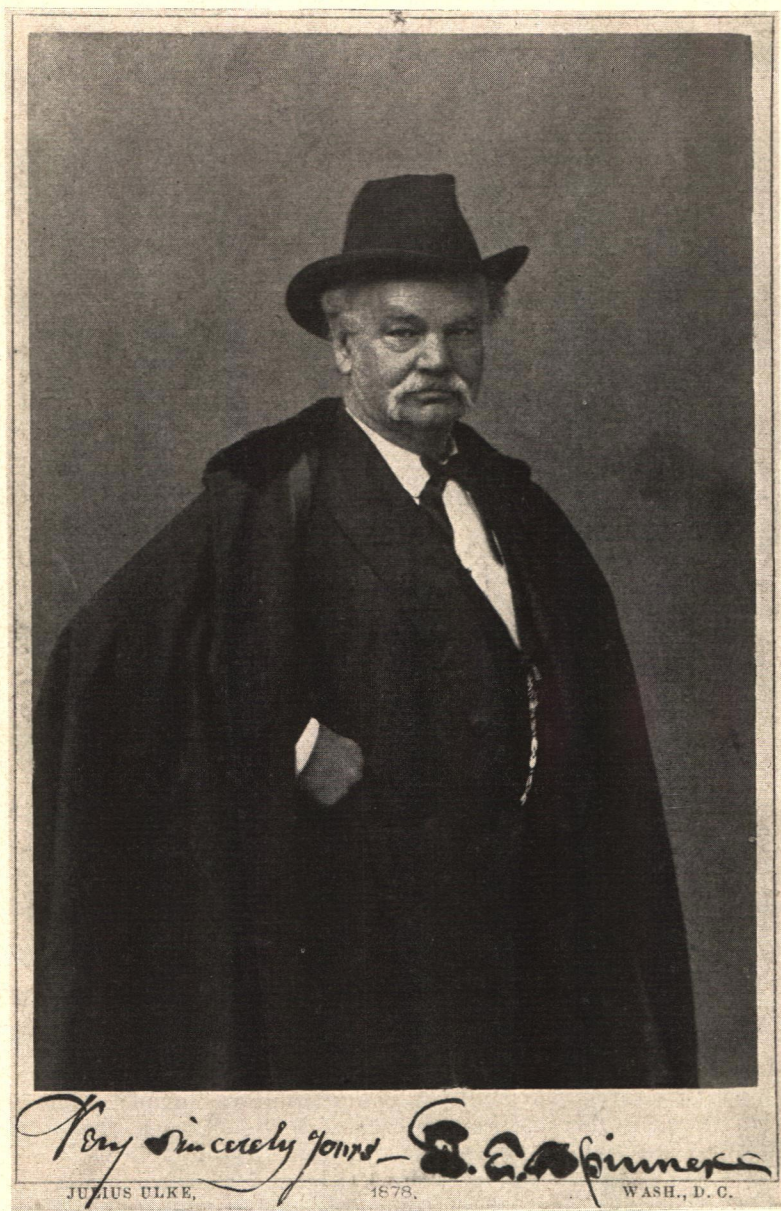
By HERMAN K. CROFOOT, A.N.A. 7290, Moravia, New York

(Reprinted from *The Autograph Collectors' Journal*,
by Courtesy of the National Society of Autograph Collectors.)

Francis Elias Spinner, once Treasurer of the United States, and Father of our Fractional Currency was born in 1802 in the historic Mohawk Valley region of New York state. His father was the Reverend John P. Spinner, a Dutch Reformed minister, who was pastor for over forty years at the old Fort Herkimer Church at German Flats. Francis was a pupil at four Mohawk Valley district schools, but he acquired all of his higher learning by himself through reading. Before finding his life work in politics, Spinner tried several occupations. He was first bound out by his father as an apprentice to an Albany candy maker, and later he was apprenticed again to an Amsterdam saddler. He spent some time as an unsuccessful merchant in Herkimer, and throughout the 1820's and '30's he was active in the state militia, where he held many posts, including that of major-general of artillery.

Spinner first entered the political field when he became Deputy Sheriff, and later Sheriff, of Herkimer County. He fulfilled an appointment to the New York State Hospital Building Commission, and during the Polk administration he was Auditor of the Port of New York. He became known in politics as an aggressive Democrat, and identified himself with the anti-slavery wing of the Democratic party. At the same

Francis E. Spinner at the age of 76



From the Collection of H. K. Crofoot

1. ALS - 1825 - Earliest Signature - Age 23.

8. ALS - 1845 - Spinner the Banker.

2. DS - 1826 - As First Lieutenant.

9. ALS - 1846 - As Banker.

3. DS - 1831 - As Deputy Sheriff.

10. ALS - 1847 - As Banker.

4. DS - 1832 - As Colonel in State Militia.

5. DS - 1836 - As Sheriff, Signature Perfected.

11. ALS - 1847 - As Banker.

6. ALS - 1838 - As Chairman, Building Committee, Marcy State Hospital.

12. ALS - 1848
As Banker.

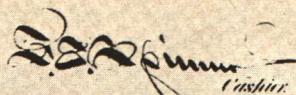
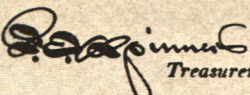
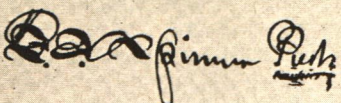
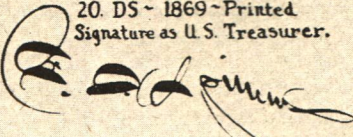
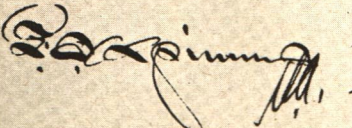
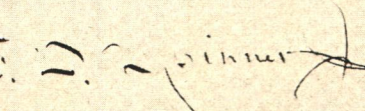
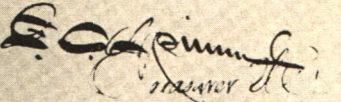
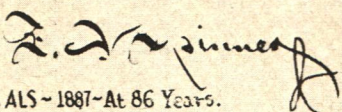

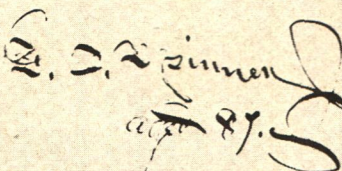
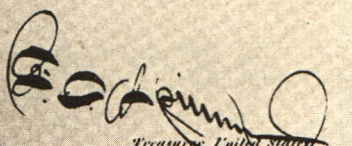
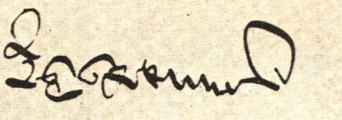
7. DS - 1839 - A Personal Bank Note
First Year of Spinner's Bank.

13. DS - 1849 - As Check Payee -
Different Script.

The Spinner Signatures

time that he was carrying out his political duties, Spinner found time to serve as cashier, director, and president of the Mohawk Valley Bank, which was just organizing under the Free Banking Act. He also directed his energy and influence to the promotion of railroads, canals, and manufacturing, and was thus instrumental in furthering the early industry of the Mohawk Valley.

In 1854 Spinner was elected to Congress from the Herkimer district as an anti-slavery Democrat. However, through a contest in the House

 14. DS ~ 1855 ~ As Banker.	 Treasurer U. S. 20. DS ~ 1869 ~ Printed Signature as U. S. Treasurer.
 15. DS ~ 1859 ~ As Bank President.	 21. DS ~ 1872 ~ As U. S. Treasurer.
 16. DS ~ 1860 ~ As Member of Congress.	 22. NS ~ 1886-7 ~ Spinner Retired at Age 83.
 17. LS ~ 1865 ~ As U. S. Treasurer.	 23. ALS ~ 1887 ~ At 86 Years.
 18. LS ~ 1866 ~ As U. S. Treasurer.	 24. ALS ~ 1889 ~ Spinner at Age of 87.
 19. LS ~ 1869 ~ As U. S. Treasurer.	 25. LS ~ 1890 ~ Spinner at the Age of 88, Six Weeks Before His Death.

From The Collection of Herman K. Crofoot.

of Representatives over the speakership in 1855-56, he became a champion of the Whig-Republican group, and in the next two Congresses he was elected from his district as a Republican. He resigned his post as cashier of the Mohawk Valley Bank in 1856 with the statement that "it is now apparent that my avocations for several years will be such that I will be unable to attend to the concerns of the institution in such a manner as they deserve and require." He held the position of president of the bank while he was in Congress, however.

Spinner became an enthusiastic supporter and close friend of President Lincoln, and in 1861 Lincoln appointed him Treasurer of the United States, in which capacity he served for fourteen years, under three presidents. He had the gigantic task of directing the expenditures of the United States government throughout the Civil War, and he is known to have accomplished that task with admirable efficiency. During his years in the Treasury Department, Spinner's famous autograph signature appeared on all United States currency. This signature was perfected while Spinner was Sheriff of Herkimer County, as a stumbling-block to counterfeiters. It is notoriously difficult to duplicate.

Francis Spinner resigned from the Treasury in 1875, and retired to Jacksonville, Florida, where he died in 1890 after prolonged suffering caused by a cancer of the face.

No. 26 Final Autograph of Francis E. Spinner

Accompanying this article are illustrations from a collection of documents owned by the author which show the development, the rise and fall, of Francis E. Spinner's famous signature, and covering nearly his whole lifetime. The first signature dates from 1825, when Spinner was twenty-three years of age, and the last, or twenty-sixth signature, was written on a letter to his brother just a few days before his death at the age of eighty-eight, when illness had blinded him.

NOMINATIONS REPORT

For Officers 1949-1950, received prior to April 10, 1949.

Revised report will appear in June and July issues, with final report in August issue.

Revised reports will include names of nominators.

Nominations close, for official ballot, June 22, 1949.

FOR PRESIDENT

M. Vernon Sheldon, Chicago, Illinois Accepted

FOR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Col. Joseph Moss, Philadelphia, Pa. Accepted

FOR SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Vernon L. Brown, New York, New York Open
Leonel C. Panosh, San Diego, California Accepted

FOR GENERAL SECRETARY

Lewis M. Reagan, Wichita, Kansas Accepted

FOR TREASURER

No nominations received as yet.

FOR LIBRARIAN

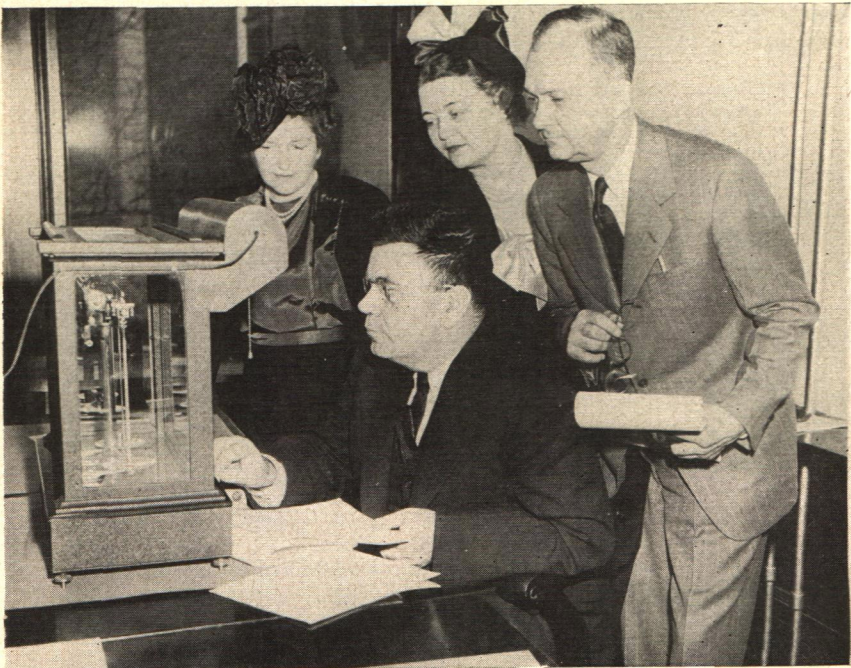
This is no longer an elective office.

FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS

(Five to be elected.)

Vernon L. Brown, New York, New York	Open
Dr. Calvert L. Emmons, Ontario, California	Open
Dr. J. Hewitt Judd, Omaha, Nebraska	Accepted
C. David Pierce, Ottumwa, Iowa	Open
Charles L. Ruby, Fullerton, California	Accepted
C. H. Ryan, Brooklyn, New York	Accepted
C. C. Shroyer, Toledo, Ohio	Accepted
R. S. Yeoman, Racine, Wisconsin	Accepted

WEIGHING COMMITTEE OF THE 1949 ASSAY COMMISSION



Seated before the scales is Dr. Edward U. Condon, Director, National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D.C. Standing, from left to right: Mrs. George Maurice Morris, Washington, D.C.; Mrs. David Fitzgerald, Glen Falls, New York; Herbert E. Rowold, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Rowold is the A.N.A. district secretary for Western Missouri.

SPECIAL EXCURSION TO THE A.N.A. CONVENTION

All the details for the special excursion to the San Francisco 1949 A. N. A. Convention have now been completed. The itinerary is much more than a leisurely trip to and from California—it is a carefully planned, 20-day, all-expenses paid sightseeing tour that will enable you to visit many of the interesting and historical places between Chicago and San Francisco.

With the cooperation of the Union Pacific Railroad, a schedule has been worked out so that the "Special" will leave Chicago on the evening of August 13 and bring you back to that point on the afternoon of September 1.

On the way there you will visit Salt Lake City and Cedar City, Utah; Boulder City, Hoover Dam, Los Angeles, and Beverly Hills. Then to San Francisco for the A. N. A. Convention, and with the exception of the four days, August 21 to 25, while you are there, all expenses will be covered by the cost of your excursion ticket.

Leaving San Francisco on the evening of August 25, you will travel by train to Portland, Oregon. After a day of sight-seeing there you will be taken to Seattle. Then on to Sun Valley, Idaho, the last stop before returning to the starting point, Chicago.

A detailed schedule of the planned trip is given below, but final arrangements cannot be made until a sufficient number of reservations has been received. The Transportation Committee urges you to act at once and to take careful note of the following provisions:

Minimum Number of Reservations125
 Applicants must send check for \$50 with letter for reservations. In the event of an insufficient number of reservations this money will be refunded.
 Total Cost of the All-Expense Trip\$375
 The four Convention days in San Francisco are not included in the total cost.
 Deadline for Reservations, June 15.

— SOL KAPLAN, *Chairman*
 Transportation Committee
 413 Race Street,
 Cincinnati 2, Ohio

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AUGUST 21-25, 1949

Prepared by the Union Pacific Railroad

	RAILROAD	TIME	DATE
Lv. Chicago	C&NW Ry.	8:10 PM	Aug. 13
Ar. Salt Lake City	Union Pacific R.R.	8:10 AM	Aug. 15

All day sightseeing of Historic Salt Lake City, Old Mormon Trail, America's Dead Sea—Great Salt Lake and organ recital Mormon Tabernacle.

Lv. Salt Lake City	Union Pacific R.R.	11:20 PM	Aug. 15
Ar. Cedar City, Utah	Union Pacific R.R.	6:00 AM	Aug. 16

Three-day all-expense tour Zion & Bryce Canyon National Parks and Cedar Breaks National Monument.

Lv. Cedar City	Auto	8:30 AM	Aug. 16
Ar. Zion	Auto	10:45 AM	Aug. 16
Lv. Zion	Auto	1:00 PM	Aug. 17
Ar. Bryce Canyon	Auto	4:00 PM	Aug. 17
Lv. Bryce Canyon	Auto	2:30 PM	Aug. 18
Ar. Cedar Breaks	Auto	5:00 PM	Aug. 18
Lv. Cedar Breaks	Auto	6:45 PM	Aug. 18
Ar. Cedar City	Auto	7:45 PM	Aug. 18
Lv. Cedar City	Union Pacific R.R.	10:15 PM	Aug. 18
Ar. Las Vegas, Nev.	Union Pacific R.R.	7:55 AM	Aug. 19

Motor Bus trip Boulder City & Hoover Dam.

Lv. Las Vegas	Union Pacific R.R.	8:45 PM	Aug. 19
Ar. Los Angeles	Union Pacific R.R.	7:15 AM	Aug. 20

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Lv. Los Angeles	Southern Pacific	9:00 PM	Aug. 20
Ar. San Francisco	Southern Pacific	9:00 AM	Aug. 21

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Lv. San Francisco	Southern Pacific	6:00 PM	Aug. 25
Ar. Portland	Southern Pacific	11:30 AM	Aug. 26

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Lv. Portland	Union Pacific R.R.	11:30 PM	Aug. 26
Ar. Seattle	Union Pacific R.R.	6:45 AM	Aug. 27

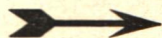
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Lv. Seattle	Canadian Pacific Steamer	9:00 AM	Aug. 28
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Lv. Victoria	Canadian Pacific Steamer	4:30 PM	Aug. 28
Ar. Seattle	Canadian Pacific Steamer	9:30 PM	Aug. 28
Lv. Seattle	Union Pacific R.R.	11:30 PM	Aug. 28
Ar. Portland	Union Pacific R.R.	6:45 AM	Aug. 29
Lv. Portland	Union Pacific R.R.	8:10 AM	Aug. 29
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Lv. Sun Valley	Union Pacific R.R.	10:00 PM	Aug. 30
Ar. Omaha	Union Pacific R.R.	4:00 AM	Sept. 1
Lv. Omaha	C&NW R.R.	5:00 AM	Sept. 1
Ar. Chicago	C&NW R.R.	4:00 PM	Sept. 1

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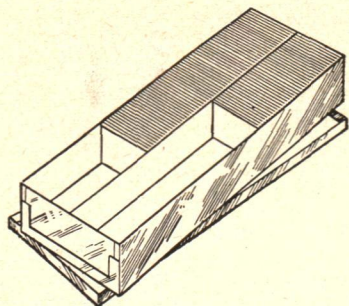
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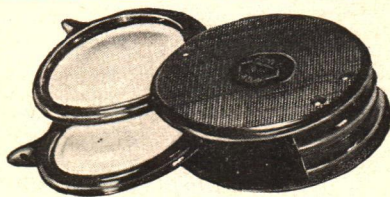
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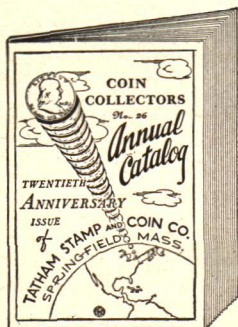
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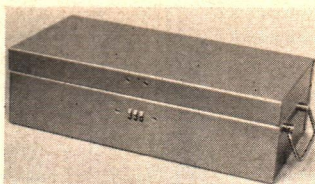
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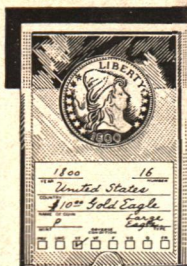
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EARL M. COLE, A.N.A. 4794

Earl M. Cole, Tucson, Ariz., long a member of the American Numismatic Association and former resident of Des Moines, drowned December 5. Mr. Cole was with a hunting party on the Colorado river north of Yuma, Ariz., when the boat hit a strong current and capsized. Cole and another member of the party were drowned.

Once a district secretary of the A.N.A., Cole helped organize the Iowa Numismatic Association in June, 1938, serving as its first secretary. He was affiliated with a Des Moines drug store before moving to Tucson several years ago for his health. — T. R. HAMMER

ALFRED Z. REED, A.N.A. 4275

Alfred Z. Reed passed away at his home in Colorado Springs, March 11, 1949, at the age of seventy-four, after a lingering illness.

Mr. Reed was born in Colorado Springs in 1875. He graduated from Harvard in 1896, and later on obtained his doctor's degree in Political Science from Columbia University.

For many years Mr. Reed lived in New York City where he was an executive of the Carnegie Foundation. In 1940 he retired from business, and returned to Colorado Springs to live.

Mr. Reed was a kindly gentleman of great intellectual achievement, and specialized in collecting "Hard Times" tokens and political medals. He wrote many articles for numismatic periodicals, and his scholarly contributions to the science of numismatics will be greatly missed. He left his collection to the American Numismatic Museum. — WILLIAM W. HINCHMAN

JOHN M. WALE, A.N.A. NO. 14997

The members of the Buffalo Numismatic Association were shocked at the sudden death of one of their newest members, John M. Wale, B.N.A. No. 129. He died March 10th, 1949, at the age of 36. Since he became a member of our club, he didn't miss a meeting until the one just before his passing.

Buffalo terminal manager for International Forwarding Company, where he suffered a fatal heart attack, he had for ten years followed a career in the transportation business. Born in East Orange, N. J., he came to Buffalo in 1941. He was a member of the Transportation Club of Buffalo, Central Railway Club and the Buffalo and American Numismatic Associations.

Becoming seriously interested in coin collecting while convalescing a few years ago from an automobile accident, Mr. Wale built up a very fine collection in U. S. dimes.

Surviving are his wife, the former Elsie Gibson; four sons, Walter, Robert, Ernest and Leonard; his mother, Mrs Margaret E. Wale, and a sister, Katherine Grant. — HAROLD W. HOOPLE, *Secretary*

President's Page



It is gratifying to report an acceleration in activity among coin, medal, and paper money collectors. Several new clubs are being formed each month. Eventually our association will be represented by established coin clubs in all principal cities of this continent.

The increased interest in new clubs has led to many requests for a sample Constitution and By-Laws. The following fits the bill. In general it covers the main essentials which may be altered to fit any local situation.

CONSTITUTION

Article I – Title and Object

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the

Section 2. Its object shall be to encourage and dispense numismatic knowledge and to cultivate fraternal relations among its members.

Article II – Membership

Section 1. Any person over twenty-one years of age shall be eligible for senior membership; under twenty-one years of age for junior membership.

Section 2. Names of persons proposed for membership may be submitted at any regular meeting of the club, but no action shall be taken on such until the next regular meeting.

Section 3. Applications for membership shall be submitted to a vote of the members present. An affirmative vote of 90% of those present shall admit the applicant to membership.

Article III – Officers

Section 1. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and a Board of Directors to consist of members, all of whom

shall be nominated and elected at the annual meeting and shall serve for one year.

Section 2. Any member in good standing shall be eligible for office.

Article IV – Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths majority vote of all senior members.

Section 2. Amendments proposed may not be voted on in the same meeting.

Section 3. Members absent from subsequent meetings in which amendments are up for vote may vote by proxy.

BY-LAWS

Article I – Officers

Section 1. The parliamentary procedure of all meetings shall be conducted according to accepted parliamentary law.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all meetings and generally supervise all matters of interest to the club.

Section 3. The Vice-President shall act in the President's absence.

Section 4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall record the minutes of the meeting, preserve all documents, handle general correspondence and keep a corrected list of members. He shall collect and record all dues and fees, paying out no money without the consent of the Club, except for necessities such as postage and stationery. He shall present a statement of all receipts and expenditures at the Annual Meeting.

Article II – Meetings

Section 1. The regular meetings of the Club shall be held on the third of each month.

Section 2. The Annual Meeting, the beginning of the new fiscal year, shall be held on the third in at which time officers shall be nominated and elected for the coming year.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the President when necessary.

Article III – Dues

Section 1. The annual dues shall be Two Dollars, (one dollar for junior members) payable at the annual meeting. New members admitted on

or after the April meeting shall be fully paid up for the next fiscal year.

Section 2. Any member in arrears more than six months shall be automatically dropped.

Section 3. Any suspended member may be reinstated by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting, upon payment of all dues to date of suspension and dues for the fiscal year.

Article IV - General

Section 1. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Reading of minutes
3. Report of Officers
4. Report of Committees
5. Proposals of Membership
6. Election of new members
7. Communications
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
10. Reading of Papers
11. Adjournment

12. Social affairs, auctions, etc. (Auctions may be conducted by any member at meetings, however, five per cent of all sales are to revert to the Club Treasury.)

Section 2. All members signing this Constitution and By-Laws, shall be known as Charter Members of the Coin Club.

In the March issue of *The Numismatist* there appeared an article on "How To Start A Coin Club," which, together with this sample Constitution and By-Laws provides all the information necessary to getting a club under way.

When and where will the next coin club be organized?

Good luck and best wishes!

Sincerely,

Lloyd B. Gettys

LOYD B. GETTYS, *President*

DOMESTIC COINAGE EXECUTED BY MINTS DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1949

Denomination	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total Value	Total Pieces
SILVER					
Half dollars			\$ 83,000.00	\$ 83,000.00	166,000
Quarter dollars			588,500.00	588,500.00	2,354,000
Dimes	\$177,000.00		749,000.00	926,000.00	9,260,000
Total silver	\$177,000.00		\$1,420,500.00	\$1,597,500.00	11,780,000
MINOR					
Five-cent pieces	\$ 25,000.00			\$ 25,000.00	500,000
One-cent pieces	280,350.00	\$168,000.00	\$ 154,200.00	602,550.00	60,255,000
Total minor	\$305,350.00	\$168,000.00	\$ 154,200.00	\$ 627,550.00	60,755,000
Total domestic coinage	\$482,350.00	\$168,000.00	\$1,574,700.00	\$2,225,050.00	72,535,000

COINAGE EXECUTED FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

Mint	Country	Metal	Denomination	Total Pieces
Philadelphia	Cuba	Silver	20 Centavos	7,410,000
Philadelphia	Cuba	Silver	10 Centavos	6,440,000
				13,850,000

ACCUMULATIVE MINT REPORT FOR 1949

(Number of pieces struck)

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars - regular	184,000		166,000
Half dollars - Booker T. Washington	12,004	12,004	12,004
Quarter dollars	1,732,000		2,354,000
Dimes	9,950,000		15,180,000
Five-cent pieces	500,000		4,478,000
One-cent pieces	56,480,000	33,400,000	28,690,000

HOW SHALL WE KEEP OUR COINS?

By LAURENCE LEE HOWE, ANA 4953, Louisville, Ky.

I have long hesitated to add to the endless discussion about the cleaning and preservation of coins. The quantity of the existing literature on the subject is a good measure of its difficulty. I am, moreover, not a professional numismatist or museum curator or even a chemist.

The recent publication in *The Numismatist*, however, of the sharply opposed views of Mr. Potter and Mr. Gordon¹ must have created hopeless confusion in the minds of many new and inexperienced collectors. For their benefit, I wish to discuss what seems to me the good and bad points of both the Potter and the Gordon systems, and to suggest a middle course which seems to me better, especially for the average collector. I do not imagine that I will solve the problem completely. Indeed, there is no one complete solution, for different kinds of collections require somewhat different care, and the treatment of the same kind of collection must vary to some degree with the climate in which it is kept and the technical skill and financial resources of its owner.

Mr. Potter and Mr. Gordon both seem to me to go to extremes. The former wants to clean everything as clean as he can get it and seal it up as tightly as possible. The latter is against cleaning anything, rejects the idea of holders of any sort, and advises that "coins ideally should be kept in a well-ventilated, cool, dark, and dry place. A felt lined tray is best . . ." I hope I am not misrepresenting their views: the reader can readily check to see. As I understand their articles, however, and as some other readers also have probably understood them, both contain some good ideas carried to such extremes as to be harmful to most collections.

I agree with Mr. Gordon that amateurs should not keep continually scraping, dipping, and polishing their coins. I agree that they should not, except with expert aid, use deadly chemicals that may injure their coins or even themselves. I do not agree that all cleaning is bad, because coins sometimes must be cleaned quickly to preserve them from a worse fate. Experts should, of course, be consulted before radical methods are used, especially with valuable coins; but there are methods that are, if not completely fool proof, at least quite safe in the hands of any intelligent collector, however inexperienced he may be.

My general rule is about this: never clean a coin unless it needs it; then clean it immediately, but no more violently than is necessary. Naturally the application of this rule varies in accordance with whether the coin is ancient or modern; patinated or "toned" or not; proof, uncirculated, or in a lower grade of preservation; gold, silver, copper, or some other metal or alloy. It varies also, obviously, with the amount of tarnish or corrosion on the coin.

I never clean gold at all. Gold, unless very debased, needs no cleaning to protect it in any ordinary environment. Cleaning may sometimes slightly improve its appearance; but this is so slight an improvement that it is hardly worth the effort. I never clean a silver coin, either, if it has a pleasant appearance. I like a bluish or purple

¹ G. R. L. Potter, "Let's Keep it Clean," January, 1949, pp. 48-53; Edward Gordon, "Danger in Cleaning Coins," March, 1949, pp. 186 f.

"tone" on my silver. I even like a little black in low places on the coin, to make the design stand out more sharply. Such tarnish, moreover, protects a silver coin from further — and usually much less attractive — tarnishing if it is exposed to air at all. As for copper and copper alloy (under which I include base silver, if the base metal in it is more than about 50%), I clean them only when they are or seem about to become dangerously corroded.

Cleaning silver is largely a matter of taste. If the metal is as much as 65% or so fine, or if it is alloyed with some other metal with a high degree of resistance to corrosion, silver coins do not have to be cleaned to preserve them. Copper and copper-alloy coins, however, sometimes need immediate cleaning to save them. I have seen a whole tray of such coins, which had been kept "in a cool, dark place" and as dry as atmospheric conditions permitted, simply eaten up with the horrid pale blue-green crystals of the bronze disease. If not checked, this disease may spread and ruin a whole collection of copper. Gold and silver, unless much alloyed with copper, are luckily immune. But a previously "healthy" copper coin may become diseased by contact with a sick one, or even by being handled by someone who has recently touched such a corroded coin. Fortunately again, most corrosion is not "bronze disease"; but it is all bad enough, and any greenish or bluish spot is a danger signal.

There are three main methods of cleaning: rubbing, usually with some kind of paste; the use of chemicals; and the electric bath described by Mr. Potter. Each has a different use. Silver (and gold, if anyone wants to) can be cleaned by rubbing with polish. Most silver polishes, however, contain an abrasive such as "jewelers' rouge," and should not be used on proof or mint specimens. One commercial polish that does not contain this abrasive is Electro-Silicon, which is not widely sold, probably because its lack of this material makes it more tedious to use. It can, however, probably still be bought from Marshal Field's in Chicago, which I purchased some not long ago. I have been told by a museum curator that Electro-Silicon can be used safely even on proofs. He admitted, however, that he did not use it on his best proofs. In general, all polishes that have a pink tinge contain "jewelers' rouge," and should be used, if at all, only on circulated silver, and then rubbed on as lightly as possible.

All coins can be restored by the electric bath. I have seen some base Egyptian tetradrachmas, corroded into an indistinguishable mass, treated in this way at the museum of the American Numismatic Society. The coins on the outside were too far gone to restore; their corrosion had come off. But those inside the mass emerged as sharp and clean as they must have been when buried. I am too poor an electrician to use this system myself; but there is a simpler, though less powerful type of electrode that even I can rig up, and which works very well on silver, even when fairly base, although not very satisfactorily on copper.

Put a layer of iron tacks or bits of aluminum in a saucer. Lay the coin on it and cover completely with table salt. Then squeeze on enough lemon juice to wet the pile thoroughly and let stand overnight. By morning, the dark coin will have become whitish or yellowish. It can now be cleaned with polish. To save time, I begin with Wright's Silver Cream, which contains a small amount of abrasive. After cleaning any silver coin, I wash and dry it carefully and let it stand in the air to

"tone" for a few days, preferably in the sunlight. This should also be done with copper.

A copper coin that has only a few surface spots of corrosion can also often be cleaned with silver polish. Deep or extensive corrosion requires more heroic treatment. For this, I use 10% hydrochloric acid, which is perfectly safe — you could even drink it — and can be had at any drugstore. I sponge off the spot or, in very bad cases, dip the coin in a glass of the mild acid. About 10 minutes in the acid is usually enough. After this, the liquid will be pale green from dissolved copper salts and the coin will be black. It can now be cleaned with polish and washed in hot water. Great care must be taken, however, to remove all traces of acid and moisture; otherwise the coin will go on corroding. I watch the coin carefully for several months, recleaning it if new spots appear.

The acid treatment cannot be used with deeply corroded or heavily patinated coins. Patina is simply ancient and arrested corrosion, and it may have gone so deeply into the metal that its removal will ruin the coin. Patinated coins must be cleaned by polish or, if this does not work, by the electric bath. Even that will ruin the patina, but it will turn it (or most of it) back into metal instead of simply dissolving it. If you like patina (which I do not, though most collectors do), that is regrettable; but it may be the only way to save the coin. It need hardly be added that the electric treatment is the only one to use with copper proofs and best with uncirculated coins.

Now that our coin is clean, how about housing it? Where are we to find the numismatic Elysium of Mr. Gordon, this "well-ventilated, cool, dark, and dry place"? When I read his article to my wife, she said: "In other words, do not keep your coins in Louisville." But alas, I have to live here, and I like to keep my coins where I live. Any well-ventilated place in any climate usually found east of the Rockies will become hot and damp. If it is in any large city, it is also exposed to the poisonous air that we breathe, sooty in winter and dusty in summer. Soot tarnishes coins; dust scratches them; moisture, especially accompanied by heat, makes them corrode. What are we to do? I don't know about other people, but I know what I'm going to do. I have to breathe this poison gas, but I'm not going to let it ruin my coins. Moreover, my lungs are mine; but my coins are mine only for a time, and I am not so much their owner as their trustee for future numismatists. I intend to protect them.

Mr. Gordon is right in thinking that most "solutions to the problem of preserving coins" are useless or worse. The slides in coin albums do not keep out all the air, and coins slide about and are rubbed as the pages are turned. This last is especially true of unusually thin or thick coins and of coins of irregular shape, as nearly all ancient are. Coins seem to me to tarnish in cellophane envelopes as readily as outside them. I think a good paper envelope is just as much protection if not more. A coin wrapped in aluminum foil is very well protected, but that is not too satisfactory if you look at the coin often.

There remain lacquers, waxes, and clear plastic holders. Mr. Gordon thinks that lacquers and plastic holders may harm coins, either because they seal in dirt and moisture or because their deterioration may liberate

substances harmful to the metal. Maybe so. Maybe some of them are dangerous. All I know is that I have seen coins lacquered fifty years ago that were as bright as new. All I am sure of is that I'd rather take my chances with the hypothetical deterioration of a good lacquer or plastic than to leave my coins in open trays exposed to poison gas. My ancient Roman denarii were buried in jars or pots and their dirt and moisture sealed in for about 2000 years. They came out in pretty good shape. Moreover, I can wash and dry my coins before housing them.

Good lacquer, carefully applied, will not hurt a coin, and I have seen no evidence that it will degenerate with age into anything harmful. As for plastics, a friend of mine who is a very good chemist and an expert on plastics specifically told me that, so far as he knew, there is nothing in Lucite to injure coins. He does not, of course, guarantee what would happen to a coin kept in Lucite for several centuries; but I'll take my chances on that as against the same time of exposure to dust, soot, and damp.

I mount my best coins in individual, screw-fastening Lucite holders. I do not have them sealed up because I occasionally want to take them out. Individual holders keep out most of the dirt and moisture. They are more costly than multiple holders, but they fit more snugly and keep out air better. Also they can be bought in the right thickness, and then scraped to fit the coin, thus entirely eliminating friction. They may not be "the solution"; but they seem to me, aside from their high cost, the closest thing to it yet devised. I hope the price will come down. There is no real reason for its being so high.

My other coins I keep in 2 x 2 envelopes, filed in a metal box with a closely fitting cover. I keep my Lucite holders, which are also 2 x 2 in size, in the same kind of box. For added protection, in the case of my copper coins, I rub them with oil or beeswax. Some people make a coating for copper or bronze by dissolving beeswax in benzol and spraying it on. Since beeswax is almost chemically inert, this coat is said by some to be superior to any lacquer. Nonetheless, if I collected proofs, I should lacquer them before placing them in the coin envelopes. Except for the electric bath, I have yet to hear of a really good way to clean proofs; and even that would spoil the beautiful color of some old copper proofs.

Mr. Gordon is certainly correct in saying that no one has yet found a perfect way to clean and house coins. All cleaning injures a coin, even if the harm cannot be seen; but neglect of a coin that needs cleaning may ruin it utterly. No method of housing combines complete protection with accessibility. You must balance advantages and take your choice. But coins do require some kind of protection. Beginners would be well advised to bear these facts in mind, suiting their procedures to their own situations, using common sense and caution, obtaining expert advice when it is needed, and refraining from wild and dangerous experiments.

Editor's Note: The methods of cleaning and housing coins as suggested by contributors do not necessarily have the endorsement of the editor or of any official of the A.N.A. Messrs. Potter, Gordon, and Howe have discussed the cleaning and preservation of coins in much detail and until new and better ideas are suggested we believe it best to let the subject rest.

Notes & Queries

Numismatic Gallery Awards Three Exhibitors at Cincinnati Convention

Harold Lewetch of Cincinnati took the Blue Ribbon for his exhibit of proofs from 1858 to 1942 at the Ohio State Numismatic Society Convention in Cincinnati March 26-27. Second Prize in this series of Numismatic Gallery awards went to George Parvin for a splendid general display. Raymond Hatfield's English coins took Third Prize and the originality of the display by Fred Potts was good for Fourth Prize. Judges for the awards were Col. Joseph Moss, Lewis M. Reagan, Lew Werner, and Charles Ryan.

Club Formed in Marysville, Ohio

The organizational meeting of the Marysville Numismatic Society which was held February 23 at the Oakland Hotel was enthusiastically received by the 11 members and 15 guests present. The club is being sponsored by the Columbus Numismatic Society which was represented at the meeting by Depew Head, Harry Rodecker, Fred W. Burton, Otto B. Heaton, and Fred E. Kern, Sr., president.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Kern, who congratulated the society upon the response made by local collectors. He then introduced Mr. Head, who installed the officers of the Marysville Numismatic Society. Officers are Stanley Schillinger, president; Harry Hanby, vice president; Clarence D. Beightler, secretary; Ernest Allen, treasurer; Floyd Hanby, curator. Applications for membership were then read by the president for 15 new members, which includes four junior members.

Harry Hanby then presented a paper upon "Washington and His Influence upon Numismatics" and exhibited several Washington coins to illustrate his talk. In addition, there were several beautiful displays by members of the Columbus Numismatic Society and the local group. The meeting was closed with a coin auction.

All collectors interested in joining the Marysville Numismatic Society should write Clarence Beightler, Secretary, 550 W. 6th St., Marysville, Ohio.

The Redwood Empire Coin Club

From E. A. Parker comes word of the formation of a new coin club in Santa Rosa, California. To be known as the Redwood Empire Coin Club, it got off to a remarkable start on March 26 when 18 collectors attended the organizing meeting.

Henry T. Wrede was elected president; J. F. Rogers, vice president; and Wm. M. Lambert, 1435 Town and Country Drive, Santa Rosa, secretary. All collectors in the locality of Santa Rosa who are interested in becoming members are requested to contact the secretary as to the time and place of the next meeting.

New Swiss Gold Coins Planned

Dear Mr. Mosher:

A change in the gold coinage of Switzerland is being contemplated, according to a recent story in *The Times* of London. The Swiss Government has recommended to parliament the minting of 25 and 50 franc gold pieces. Coins of this denomination are a new departure for that country. The present gold coins are 10, 20 and 100 francs, all bearing the head of Helvetia on the obverse and the radiant cross and edelweiss spray and value on the reverse. Designs of the projected coins have not been revealed, nor has the date of issue been determined, since that will depend on "the economic and monetary situation."

Sincerely yours,

ELSTON G. BRADFIELD
A.N.A. 14731
Chicago, Illinois

The Numismatist of 1888 Needed

For the last year or so the Publications Committee has been trying to locate some clear impressions of the first hundred pages of *The Numismatist* published in 1888. The several copies discovered proved to be badly faded and altogether unsuited to the off-set method to be used in reprinting the first six volumes.

Any member knowing the whereabouts of a copy of the first volume in good condition should communicate with our librarian, T. R. Hammer.

COLLECTOR — NOT MISER

Recently an elderly retired school teacher showed me her U.S. gold coins, a small but beautiful collection, reduced some years ago by the government calling in its gold money. She has not taught for many years but the furnishings of her house show she still loves beauty. In addition to the beauty of the coins, they have for her a sentimental value. One was given to her by a fraternal order when she retired from its treasurer-ship after many years of faithful service. Several were given to her as tokens of affection by former pupils. The joy of possession would outweigh any possible satisfaction from investing their market value at interest.

I was reminded of George Eliot's *Silas Marner*, but hasten to add that the former teacher has all the good qualities and none of the bad possessed by the hero of that tale. George Eliot speaks of him as a miser. Yet, "In his truthful simple soul, not even the growing greed and worship of gold could beget any vice directly injurious to others."

George Eliot was the creator of Silas Marner, yet I like to think that there were a few things about him that she perhaps did not fully understand. His interest in his coins prevented this near-sighted peculiar man from becoming mentally deteriorated, if not actively hostile to those about him. He was not a scholar, but many of the gold coins of his time are singularly beautiful and he may have felt this in addition to his pride of possession. He could not have interpreted the abbreviated inscription on a "spade guinea" but he must still have been able to admire it. I feel his interest in coins preserved his mentality for the better days that were to come, when, after the coins were stolen, a little child, Eppie, should lead him into father-like love for her, and friendship for and by his neighbors. I also like to think that when, in his old age, his coins were recovered, he saved a few from his adopted daughter's dowry, and, without sacrificing human interest, continued to enjoy them.

Though I would not say that coin collecting gives complete immunity, I have never heard of a coin collector being sent to a hospital for the insane, and I have examined many patients in my time. I believe that even the mental deterioration of old age can be postponed by this hobby.

There is a very old joke that "A man making a collection will beg, buy, borrow, or steal." Let us give this joke the laugh for which it is intended. We will not forget the merits of coin collecting.

—DEAN MILTIMORE, MD
Nyack, New York

Chautauqua Coin, Stamp & Curio Club To Sponsor Tri-State Convention

Collectors of New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania will hold their first Tri-State Convention since the beginning of the War on June 17 to 19 at the Hotel Jamestown, Jamestown, New York. Prior to the War this Convention was an annual affair, attracting collectors and dealers from a wide area and establishing an enviable record for the quality of the exhibits and an unsurpassed reputation of providing a bang-up good time for everyone attending.

The affair will start off with a Smoker at the Hotel on Friday evening. An auction will be in progress during the morning and afternoon of Saturday, and bourse tables will be nearby to provide facilities for those who wish to buy and sell at retail. The grand banquet will be held Saturday evening.

All reservations should be sent to Ernest J. Muzzy, general chairman, 142 Prospect St., Jamestown, New York.

Minnesota Territorial Centennial

Dear Sir:

It has been several years since the Northwest Coin Club has done anything that was really news. We have not died out way up here in the northland — on the contrary we have been growing larger and better every year. Now in honor of the MINNESOTA TERRITORIAL CENTENNIAL we are planning the largest meeting in over ten years.

We extend a welcome to every coin collector in the country to spend his vacation in Minnesota this summer and attend our large two-day meeting to be held in the Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis June 11 and 12. We plan on having some nice displays, coin talks, dealer tables, coin auction and a nice banquet so there will not be a dull moment in the two days.

I am enclosing a couple of the Wooden Nickels we have issued for this event. We believe that they have been well designed and do justice to the rich Indian lore of our state.

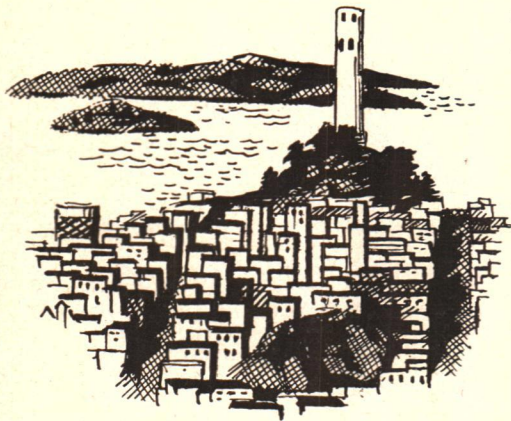
We hope to offset some of the expenses of our meeting with this Wooden Nickel. The price is 15¢ each with a special discount to dealers and clubs who wish to purchase them in large quantities.

Yours truly,

H. L. RANDALL, *Sec'y*
461 Sherburne Ave.
St. Paul 3, Minn.

San Francisco Is Cool in Summer

A welcome experience to you who will be in San Francisco August 21-24 for the 58th A.N.A. Convention will be the pleasant weather. Here you will be in a naturally air-conditioned city, with the days loaded with comfortable sunshine hours and the evenings cooled by ocean breezes sometimes accompanied by fog. However, don't let the word "fog" get you worried, as it is the key to the vigor that prevails here and enables one to step along briskly.



Temperatures seldom rise above 75° during the day. A light coat for evening ventures is definitely advisable. (We know Henry Schumacher said the same about Boston last year — and we forgive him — but a word to the wise and don't say we didn't tell you!)

Credit to R. W. McLachlan

Sir:

Prior to forwarding my note on the die varieties of the Nova Scotia 1861 cent, I made all possible efforts

to be sure this matter had not been previously published. I believe the description of the varieties appeared for the first time in the February *Numismatist*, but have subsequently ascertained that the credit for the first mention that varieties existed must go to that distinguished Canadian numismatist, the late R. W. McLachlan, in an article "Annals of the Nova Scotia Currency," printed in *Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada*, 1892, Section 2.

Yours faithfully,

G. R. L. POTTER
Ottawa, Canada

U.S. Gold Coins Being Counterfeited

According to *Iron Age* of March 22, 1949, "United States gold coins are being surreptitiously minted in large volume in several Western European countries. The best of dies are used and the coins are of proper gold content. In France these coins exchange for a much higher number of francs than would the gold contained therein."



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The Editor's Corner

Address O.K., But Name Unknown

Secretary Lewis M. Reagan can change your mailing address to any place in the world, but he has to have more definite information than that which he received in a recent letter reading: "Dear Sir: Just to let you know my new address, 9541 East Banta Road, Pico, Calif."

The letter was unsigned and bore no other address. The only possible clue to the writer's identity is a beautiful pink orchid on the upper left hand corner of the stationery.

Far-Away Places

Have you too heard the call of far-away places with strange-sounding names?

In my youth I had an itching foot, but aside from one brief journey was not able to answer the call. In person, that is.

But I have found that if Mohammed cannot go to the mountain, then the mountain can be made to come to Mohammed.

Numerous maps, a globe and a good travel magazine such as the *National Geographic* are a big help, but leave something to be desired. But if you can have the thing which most of the residents of each of those far-away places most desires—some of their money—you can really feel that you are paying a visit to the lands which for you have appeal.

The name of *Mozambique*, for instance, intrigues one's fancy. On looking it up, I find that the country has an excessively hot, unhealthy climate. Yet I can enjoy its coins in the comfort of my own living room.

Zanzibar, Paraguay, Fiji, Afghanistan—never-never lands to the man tied to the work-a-day world—can be brought into your home by the possession of some of their coins. And the ownership of these coins creates a desire for more knowledge of these lands, thus broadening your world outlook.

So if you are unable to answer the call of far-away places, you do the calling and let the far-away places answer your call by supplying you with some of their coins.

LYLE ANDREWS, ANA 8414
Sumner, Washington.

NENA Issues 8 Page Bulletin

NENA NEWS is the neat name of the club bulletin which is published monthly by the New England Numismatic Association. Edited by Chas. J. DuPont, 2 Windemere Road, Worcester 2, Mass., the second issue contains 8 pages of short articles, news, comments, and advertising.

Of special interest is a proposal to hold a Spring meeting of the NENA on June 11, at Concord, New Hampshire. If a sufficient number of collectors are in favor of the idea such a meeting will be held. Those interested in attending are urged to write Mr. DuPont.

Judgment Obtained by Publisher

Whitman Publishing Company of Racine, Wisconsin, producers of the well-known Whitman Coin Folders, *A Guide Book of United States Coins*, and *Handbook of United States Coins*, recently obtained a judgment in the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, permanently restraining Henry L. Writesel of Columbus, Ohio, from infringing the copyrights of Whitman's *Handbook of United States Coins*. The case has been set for a hearing as to the amount of Whitman's damages.

Whitman obtained judgment upon proof that Writesel published and sold a coin book entitled *United States Coin Value Guide Book*, substantial parts of which were copied from Whitman's *Handbook of United States Coins*.

As far as is known this is the first instance in which a publisher of numismatic literature has instituted such a suit and the judgment obtained should give much encouragement to other legitimate publishers.

Awards Committee Needs Reports

All materials submitted for National Coin Week competition must be in the hands of the chairman of the Awards Committee not later than Saturday, May 28. The chairman is the Reverend Edward W. W. Lewis, Minister, Central Park Baptist Church, 235 East 83rd St., New York City 28, New York.

Public announcement of the winners will be made in the August issue of *The Numismatist*.

Would Continue Club Reports

Dear Mr. Mosher:

In the March issue of *The Numismatist*, J. Rex Woodford, Charleston, W. Va., asks that *The Numismatist* eliminate the section covering club reports and use those pages instead for general coin articles. This would be an excellent idea if it were not for the fact that *The Numismatist* is the official organ of the American Numismatic Association and that most of its readers are members of the Association. Practically every A.N.A. member living in a metropolis is a member of an affiliated club which has reports appearing nearly every month in *The Numismatist*. They do not form the entire subscription list but local club members do receive a goodly portion of the total printing of *The Numismatist*.

If the club reports were discontinued the parent organization would soon find a divergence in the Association. Many affiliated clubs would feel that the occasional listing of their organization in *The Numismatist* and Membership Directory was not enough and would proceed to remedy this lack by methods of their own—perhaps even going so far as to form a new national coin club. Other clubs would feel that the small amount of publicity received in *The Numismatist* was not worth the cost of their corporate membership and would become local clubs only without any connections with the A.N.A. at all except as individual members.

The Numismatist doesn't go in much for back patting but most people like to see their names in print and the club report is the only way many collectors could ever manage it. This is not the primary reason for club reports which are printed to form a permanent record of club activities. Although Mr. Woodford may not find anything of interest in them, I have found many items of value. This is especially true of the list of exhibits which I have often checked in back issues when compiling statistics on certain dates and types of coins.

Discontinuing the club reports would weaken the ties between affiliated clubs of the A.N.A. and could well cause a reduction in membership because local clubs with no close ties with the A.N.A. would not care much whether their members became A.N.A. members or not. Most members have an idea what a fraternal order or other large national association is

like—it has an official organ that includes club reports. These club reports are not put in a magazine because it is the fashion to do so—they are put there because they serve as a definite means of holding a group of local organizations together, not only in the A.N.A. but in other associations as well.

In closing I would like to say that if *The Numismatist* should discontinue the club reports, it might as well discontinue its connection with the A.N.A. at the same time and become another "wildcat" publication.

ARLIE SLABAUGH
Oakland, Maryland

NATIONAL COIN WEEK

Now that another fine effort on the part of the A.N.A. membership has made the 1949 National Coin Week a memorable one, contestants are anxiously awaiting the Judges' awards. Patience, friends.

No longer can the Judges spend an hour or two making the decisions. Last year many, many hours were devoted to this work. This year the great number of contestants and the volume of reports coming in will give the Judges work aplenty. Let's give them plenty of time—they'll need it.

Allowing for the preparation of the Exhibitors' reports, the mailing of the reports to the Judges, the consideration of the committee which is a far-flung one, and the final agreements—it is not likely that the awards will be announced before the end of July. The results will be published in *The Numismatist*.

This has been a grand job. As chairman it has been my privilege to work with a swell bunch and I want to express my thanks and appreciation; to Loyd Gettys, our president, for his confidence and for his recognition of the contributions the west is making to numismatics; to Ed Lewis, our chairman of Awards, and to his able committee, Bill Dewey, Charley Knoth, Jack Ogilvie, and Glenn Smedley; to Aubrey Bebee for handling the dealers' affairs; to Thelma Case who so generously assisted me with secretarial work; of course, to my able assistant Chris Petersen; to our Editor Stuart Mosher for his valuable suggestions. Many others were kind and my thanks to all.

A. KOSOFF, Chairman
National Coin Week

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Scotland - WALTER T. F. ALLEN, 18 Glendale Drive, Auchinairn, Lanarkshire, Scotland.
South Carolina (Eastern) - LESENE J. WINGARD, 1010 King St., Columbia 35, S. C.
South Carolina (Western) - GAROLD W. TAPP, P. O. Box 524, Greer, S. C.
South Dakota - CARL METZGER, 929 Utah Ave., S.E., Huron, S. D.
Spain - F. XAVIER CALICO, Plaza del Angel, 2, Barcelona, Spain.
Sweden - JOHN PEDERSEN, Skolg 24, Boras, Sweden.
Switzerland - DR. HERBERT A. CAHN, Freiestrasse 103, Basel, Switzerland.
Tennessee - JAMES D. MILLER, Winchester, Tenn.
Texas (Northern) - W. A. PHILPOTT, JR., 1201 Dallas National Bank Bldg., Dallas, Texas.
Texas (Southern) - BENJAMIN A. FEDER, 2121 Oakdale, Houston 4, Texas.
Utah and Nevada - NORMAN SCHULTZ, Box 746, Salt Lake City 9, Utah.
Venezuela - WILLIAM FOX STEINBERG, Apartado 284, Caracas, Venezuela.
Virginia - HELEN G. LEWIS, 421 North Blvd., Richmond 20, Va.
Washington (Eastern) - CHRISTIAN M. PETERSEN, Rt. 1, Box 52 A, Chehalis, Wash.
Washington (Western) - MRS. D. D. DENISE, 4023 Burke Ave., Seattle 3, Wash.
West Virginia - DR. F. STEVENS EPPS, Box 1066, Charleston, W. Va.
Wisconsin - LILLARD W. CULVER, 2708 E. Hampshire St., Milwaukee 11, Wisc.

Report of the General Secretary

Admission to Membership

Applicants numbered 17175-17279, except 17177, as published in the March issue have been admitted to membership. Applicants for life membership, previously reported, have been admitted to life membership.

Applicants for Membership

The following applications were received in March, 1949. If there are no objections filed prior to May 1, 1949, these applicants will become members on that date and notice to this effect will appear in the July issue.

- 17391 **Stanley A. Johnson**, 3238 N. Orange Avenue, Chicago 34, Illinois. Foreign. Lewis M. Reagan, Earl C. Brown.
- 17392 **E. E. Homstad**, Black River Falls, Wis. U. S. General. H. S. Sherwin, Enoch Locken, M. A. Richards.
- 17393 **J. H. Harmer**, R.F.D. 1, Box 19, Black River Falls, Wis. U. S. General. H. S. Sherwin, Enoch Locken, M. A. Richards.

- 17394 **Richard F. Bullock**, 4221 Sheridan St., Hyattsville, Md. Foreign Exchange.
C. Shirley Leachman, D. C. Hill.
- 17395 **A. A. Butland**, 1 15th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. Crown Size. C. Shirley
Leachman, Dana C. Hill.
- 17396 **Joy C. Mehl**, 100 Crespi Drive, San Francisco 12, Calif. U. S. General. Mrs.
Harry Cutler.
- 17397 **John E. Brookhouse**, Shull Road, Gahanna, Ohio. U. S. General. F. W. Burton.
- 17398 **Phil R. Blackford**, 335 24th Street, Hermosa Beach, Calif. American.
Plummer Wiley, Joseph F. Hastry, Philip G. Straus.
- 17399 **Ben H. Woodcock**, 6430 Maryland Drive, Los Angeles 36, Calif. General.
S. M. Koepfel.
- 17400 **Frank F. Sturm**, 42 North Third St., Memphis, Tenn. U. S. Gold. L. G.
Barnard, E. L. Slesinger.
- 17401 **J. Albert Peddie**, 131 Ellsworth Ave., Toronto, Ontario, Canada. General.
Norman Mason, J. Sharpe.
- 17402 **Pasquale H. Maffeo**, 145 Kimberly Ave., New Haven, Conn. U. S. General.
Frank J. Katen, Frances M. Katen.
- 17403 **Sylvester Johnson**, 431 main Street, Sheboygan, Mich. U. S. Coins. Alfred
Bonsecoins, Charles Lahave.
- 17404 **Merrick Posnansky**, "Star Cliffs," 42 Cope Bank, Bolton, Lancs., England.
Modern English. Leonard Simons, Mrs. Ray Weiner.
- 17405 **Robert N. Leftwich**, P. O. Box 305, Laguna Beach, Calif. U. S. Uncirculated.
Dr. Wendell F. Hall, Leslie C. Savelly.
- 17406 **Richard B. Richardson**, 271 Carolina Ave., Norfolk 2, Va. U. S. Coins. M. B.
Cavish.
- 17407 **A. E. Brennan**, 2106 Fargo Avenue, Chicago 45, Ill. General. Earl C. Brown.
- 17408 **Walter E. Berg**, 417 W. Hewson St., Philadelphia 22, Pa. General. D. M.
Bullowa.
- 17409 **Arthur C. Ulseith**, 924 Reeves Drive, Grand Forks, N.D. American Coins.
R. A. Graves.
- 17410 **Hugh W. Wheelless**, 204 N. Park Avenue, Dothan, Alabama. General. J. H.
Morris, Jr.
- 17411 **Clarence Olmstead**, 1010 Zook Drive, Glendale 2, Calif. U. S. Coins. Kenneth
W. Lee.
- 17412 **Edward Albert Cumberland**, 924 So. E. 2nd St., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. U. S.
General. Charles N. Boos, W. Otis Smith, Sam F. Bennett, A. F. Camman,
S. J. Matatics.
- 17413 **Robert J. Weigle**, 358 N. Reginald Ave., Dearborn, Mich. General. Earl C.
Schill.
- 17414 **Dr. Andres E. Salazar**, Presbyterian Hospital, Santurce, P.R. U. S. General.
U. J. Nutter, Phil Pram.
- 17415 **H. W. Margeson**, Post Intelligencer, Seattle 1, Wash. U. S. Dollars and Com-
memoratives. M. W. Goldsmith, Lloyd Stockhouse.
- 17416 **Dr. Stewart L. Baker**, 3713 Alabama Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. General.
Stuart Mosher, C. Shirley Leachman.
- 17417 **Don O. Sherer**, 346 E. Coronado Road, Phoenix, Arizona. General. H. K.
Conrad, Ralph J. Strand.
- 17418 **Mrs. B. S. Vavra**, 1527 East 36th Place, Tulsa, Okla. General. L. King
Dickason, George H. Gates.
- 17419 **Mrs. E. B. Creekmore**, 3710 S. Troost, Tulsa, Okla. General. George H. Gates,
L. King Dickason.
- 17420 **Victor Rosamo**, 11 Bank St., New York, N.Y. Gold. Joseph B. Stack, Max M.
Schwartz.
- 17421 **O. D. Gibbs**, 105 E. Willowbrook Dr., Burlington, N.C. American Coins. Guy
B. Ephland, James H. Parrett.
- 17422 **Vernon H. Whipple**, 228 S. Mechanic, Lebanon, Ohio. General. R. F. Hatfield,
Carl Stiles.
- 17423 **Dr. Wylie H. Mullen, Jr.**, Dept. of Radiology, Cleveland Clinic Foundation,
2020 E. 93rd St., Cleveland 6, Ohio. U. S. General. Lu H. Riggs.
- 17424 **William E. G. Hill**, 3201 Norton Ave., Everett, Washington. Gold coins.
Howard C. Glickert, Paul Fouts.
- 17425 **R. P. Jones**, P. O. Box 143, Mechanicsburg, Ohio. American Coins. C. C.
Shroyer.
- 17426 **Robert W. Chilcote**, 706 Johnson Ave., Bedford, Ohio. U. S. Commemoratives.
M. R. Cohen.
- 17427 **B. A. Delano**, Box 721, Richmond, Va. General. Helen G. Lewis, Loyd B.
Gettys.
- 17428 **Richard Picker**, 185 East 162nd St., New York 56, New York. U. S. Cents,
Early Colonials. Martin F. Kortjohn.
- 17429 **Casimir J. Krajenka**, 4618 Mitchell, Detroit 7, Mich. General. R. N. Maddams,
B. Max Mehl.
- 17430 **Harold T. Hedlund**, 328 North Avers Street, Chicago 24, Ill. General. Earl L.
Simpson.
- 17431 **Walter W. Strite**, 37 East Main St., Waynesboro, Pa. U. S. Coins. Stoler B.
Good.
- 17432 **Forrester Lee Raymond**, 5173 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh 24, Pa. American. Geo.
F. Marlier.
- 17433 **Royden H. Klingelhofer**, 505 Pleasant Place, North, Philadelphia 19, Pa.
U. S. General. Andrew A. Foley, Paul A. Hummel.
- 17434 **Michael D. Luft**, 18694 Muirland Ave., Detroit 21, Mich. Type Collector.
Earl C. Schill.
- 17435 **James W. Elliott**, 1120 2nd Ave., Rock Island, Ill. General. Ernest E.
Donaway.
- 17436 **A. C. Bob Reuter**, P. O. Box 457, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. U. S. Date Series.
Robert Fram.
- 17437 **George E. Kollmann**, c/o State Capitol, Bismarck, N.D. General. Mrs. F. E.
Tunell, Mrs. B. M. Minnis.

- 17438 **Robert M. Small**, 1007 Washington St., Great Bend, Kansas. General. Dan Brown, Philip W. Whiteley.
- 17439 **J. E. Stevens**, R.F.D. 1, Box 258, Cumberland, Md. U. S. General. Andrew H. Mace, Russell S. Wagner, H. H. Cessna.
- 17440 **Merritt L. Hollen**, 250 North 2nd West, Salt Lake City, Utah. General. C. J. Zimmerman, A. L. Ketter.
- 17441 **Herbert Ripp**, 1070 Park Place, Brooklyn 13, N.Y. U. S. Coins. Hans Sergl, E. F. Witzel.
- 17442 **W. A. Farek, Jr.**, Box 126, Schulenburg, Texas. U. S. Early Commemoratives. Maurice D. Scharlack, O. Fred Koch.
- 17443 **Dr. Joseph M. Lubitz**, Route 4, Box 286, Waukesha, Wis. General. L. W. Culver, Carl Van Treck.
- 17444 **A. de C. Cabanne**, 215 E. 57th St., New York 22, N.Y. U. S. General. Lewis M. Reagan, Max M. Schwartz.
- 17445 **George H. Potts**, 16096 Fairmount Drive, Detroit 5, Mich. U. S. Coins. Mrs. Edmund Potts.
- 17446 **Robert B. Bird**, 23 W. Ashmead Pl. N., Philadelphia 44, Pa. General. R. H. Mullen, P. L. Flanagan.
- 17447 **Dr. M. D. Davis**, 309 College St., Milton, Wis. U. S. Coins. Arthur Haughey.
- 17448 **William L. Kostelecky**, 407 First National Bank Bldg., Fargo, North Dakota. American Coins. Mrs. F. E. Tunell.
- 17449 **Rocco V. Guerrero**, 69 Seymour St., Waterbury 21, Conn. U. S. Coins. Frank J. Katen, Frances M. Katen, Mrs. William Pemginia, Leta M. Guenvera.
- 17450 **Elmer J. Johnson**, 3257 Georgia St., Oakland, Calif. General. Lloyd E. Sherow, E. A. Parker, Erich Werling.
- 17451 **Guerdon B. Miller**, 190 First St., Troy, N.Y. U. S. Coins. Willis J. McKinney, Dr. K. J. Sartoris.
- 17452 **Ed Burgert**, 458 Bowen St., Oshkosh, Wis. U. S. General. Lillard W. Culver.
- 17453 **Paul I. Wells**, 85 Eastern Ave., North Leominster, Mass. German and Twentieth Century. Malcolm O. E. Chell-Frost.
- 17454 **John S. Barrows**, 627 First National Bank Bldg., Denver 2, Colo. General. Dan Brown, Philip W. Whiteley.
- 17455 **J. T. Montgomery**, 1906 North "J" Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas. U. S. General. Henry B. Cary.
- 17456 **Arthur H. Bowman, Jr.**, 145 Altadena Drive, Pittsburgh 16, Pa. Loyd B. Gettys, C. David Pierce.
- 17457 **Sampson Library**, John B. Stetson University, DeLand, Fla. Morgan Welch, Gilmore Anderson, Virginia E. Threlkeld.
- 17458 **Mrs. Leslie Chapman**, Box 334, Mayfield, Ky. Rare Coins. R. E. Andrews, B. W. Saffeld.
- 17459 **Dr. John Miller MacMillan**, 44 Lincoln Ave., Pittsford, N.Y. Commemoratives. Vallance W. Judson, Frank Eichorn, J. Pittman.
- 17460 **R. L. Staunton**, 722 North Market, Apt. 12, Wichita 5, Kansas. General. Lewis M. Reagan, C. B. Edwards.
- 17461 **Ritchey Clendening**, Box 157, Arkansas Pass, Texas. U. S. Coins. W. A. Philpott, Jr.
- 17462 **Karl W. Skarman**, Sodra Gubberogatan 4, Gothenburg, Sweden. Swedish Coins. Eric Svardskog.
- 17463 **William W. Hatheway**, 304 S. 11th St., DeKalb, Ill. Commemorative. Richard N. Wiltberger.
- 17464 **W. E. Collins**, 2201 34th St., Des Moines 10, Iowa. General. L. Hellene Bohler, Dr. N. M. Hansen, Walter P. Bohler.
- 17465 **Vincent G. Greene**, 77 Victoria St., Toronto 1, Canada. British. Jack Sharpe, Norman B. Mason.
- 17466 **Harold M. Brock**, Cowan, Tennessee. U. S. Coins. James D. Miller.
- 17467 **W. J. O'Leary**, 108 Cahill Lane, Oak Ridge, Tenn. General. James D. Miller, Mrs. A. C. Bearden.
- 17468 **Herbert M. Meltzer**, Pine at Westlake, Seattle 1, Wash. General. Harry Druxman, Alex Crohn.
- 17469 **Thaddeus Edward Szostak**, 4541 Milnor Street, Philadelphia 24, Pa. Alexander Hauser, Frank Jaskiewicz.
- 17470 **Herbert W. Vanden Brul**, 114 Remsen St., Brooklyn 2, New York. American and Canadian. Martin F. Kortjohn, Paul Franklin.
- 17471 **L. Donald La Porte**, 226 Boylston North, Seattle, Wash. Commemoratives. D. Zearling, Mrs. D. Dee DeNise, B. A. Wagner.
- 17472 **Louis T. Simon**, 3021 Monument Ave., Richmond 21, Va. General. Helen G. Lewis, Dr. A. J. Paine, Dr. Herman Nachman.
- 17473 **Thomas F. Whitbread**, 84 Sunset Ave., Amherst, Mass. General. Willard E. Dickinson.
- 17474 **Harry Forbes, Jr.**, 229 Pearse Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas. Commemorative Coins. J. L. Farnsworth, G. B. Diamond.
- 17475 **Arlington H. Detweiler**, 820 Ferry St., Easton, Pa. Silver Coins. H. N. Shepherd, Kenneth Lobb, Russell Lee.
- 17476 **Capt. Richard L. Bemont**, Apt. 14-C, Country Club Apts., Augusta, Georgia. U. S. Coins. Paul S. Johnson.
- 17477 **Roy W. Schrimshire**, P. O. Box 906, Columbus, Georgia. Commemorative and Foreign. Paul S. Johnson.
- 17478 **Ralph P. Morey**, 87 Somerset Street, Springfield 8, Mass. Commemorative Halves. Malcolm O. E. Chell-Frost.
- 17479 **Benjamin Saunders**, 8561 Rugby Drive, Los Angeles 46, Calif. U. S. Coins. Jack W. Ogilvie.
- 17480 **George A. Willard**, 5719 N. Kenmore Ave., Chicago 40, Ill. Commemorative Coins. Earl C. Brown.
- 17481 **Harold L. McKellar**, 1622 Webster St., Omaha, Nebr. U. S. General. Arthur Rutz, Helen McKellar, Raymond L. Watkins, Earl C. Brown.
- 17482 **Alvin L. Holland**, R. R. No. 1, Box 37, Chesterton, Ind. General. Arthur Rutz, Earl C. Brown, Marion Isaacs.

him a vote of thank for his efforts. This was followed by a lively auction.
— HAROLD W. HOOPLE, Secretary

CHICAGO COIN CLUB — The 363rd meeting was held April 5, 1949, at 84 East Randolph Street, President Osterlander presiding. There were 67 members and guests present.

George M. Vivian was elected to membership.

The President announced that the Annual Banquet of Racine Coin Club would be held Saturday, May 7, at St. John's School.

Letter and Resolution of Western Reserve Numismatic Club re A.N.A. proxies was read, discussed, and a Committee appointed to study the matter and report at next meeting.

Harold Klein gave a report on the Ohio State Numismatic Society Convention in Cleveland, March 26 and 27. Rather small attendance and bad weather but those who attended had a good time.

Mr. Sheldon gave a short talk on progress of plans for A.N.A. Convention in August.

Col. Curtis presented the exhibits which were by:

Mr. Rutz: German Not Geld. Luther commemorative notes of Wittenberg, Mar. 5, 1922, for 400th anniversary, 25 and 50 pfennig; 1, 2, 5 and 10 Mark Notes.

Mr. Smedley: Tetradrachm of Lysimachus, King of Thrace, 322-281 B.C., with head of Alexander the Great. Enlarged (10 times) photo of head.

Mr. Bebee: 1 cut sheet of 6 Small Notes — 1928-E, signatures of Julian & Morgenthau; 1 Gold Type Set.

Mr. Brown: 1, 2 and 3 Wooden Nickels of Lehigh Valley Coin Club; Medallion and Wooden Nickel for Minnesota Territorial Centennial.

Mr. Giello: World War II Photos and Medals, Lincoln Gold Dollar Token.

Mr. Sheldon: Daric of Darius I Persia, B.C. 460-430; Decadrachm of Syracuse by Kimon, B.C. 406-401; Decadrachm of Arsinoe I of Egypt, Posthumous, B.C. 145-136; Didrachm of Alexander III Macedonia, B.C. 336-323.

Mr. Jonas: Germany: 12, 5 Mark pieces, issues of the Empire; Quedlinburg, Anna Dorothea, Abbes of Quedlinburg, 1/4, 1/2 and 1 Taler 1704, struck on her death. This set ends the coinage of Quedlinburg; Nuremberg: 1650 Hobby Horse Rider Klippe, 2 var. Boy with and without cap.

Mr. Lindall: Complete set of Texas Commemorative Half Dollars.

Col. Curtis: Bickford International \$10 gold piece, in copper, value expressed in six different languages and values; Trial piece in nickel of McKinley Commemorative gold dollar.

Mr. Kopicki: Proof Set of Maundy Money King Edward VII, 1905. Mr. Rayson gave a good talk on Maundy.
— EARL C. BROWN, Secretary

CINCINNATI NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION — The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held at the Hotel Sinton March 25th with President Stevens in the chair. There were 28 members and 10 guests attending.

The application for membership of Robert D. Metzger was approved.

Sol Kaplan, chairman of the OSNS convention committee gave a final report on the arrangements for a successful affair. He also introduced President

Lloyd Gettys of the A.N.A. who said a few words about coin collecting activities. — GEORGE D. PARVIN, Secretary

COLUMBIAN COIN CLUB — Meeting held March 8 at the home of Alice N. Green with seven members present. Four new members were elected.

After disposal of ordinary business matters those present enjoyed a pleasant evening devoted to the discussion of various phases of numismatics. Many interesting coins, medals, tokens and notes were exhibited.

— ALICE N. GREEN, Secretary

COLUMBUS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — The 194th meeting was held on February 7 with 38 members and 9 guests present. Roy E. Smith gave a splendid talk on U. S. Dollars and David Rodee, Junior Chairman, made a nice talk on the Maria Theresa Dollar. Our Juniors are doing good work. Applications were received for three new members.

Stanley Schillinger, one of our six members from Marysville, Ohio, reported the organization of a new club in that thriving county seat town.

Interest was manifested by several members of the Society encouraging again minting of Proof Coins. We ask, "Should the local clubs participate in a nationwide campaign to create sentiment for the minting of Proofs?"

— DEFEW HEAD, Secretary

COLUMBUS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — The 195th meeting was held at the Neil House, March 14, with 37 members and 7 guests present. Four new members were elected and applications for two new members were read.

Mrs. J. M. Henderson displayed the 25 Year silver medal presented to her by the A.N.A. Mrs. Henderson now has 40 years of membership and is anticipating her gold medal.

Harry Hanby of Marysville gave a very interesting talk on George Washington and displays were made by Messrs. Harry R. Rodecker, Fred E. Kern, Depeu Head, Kenneth M. Gaver, LeRoy Heibel, Harry Hanby and Carl Abbott.

The officers reported on the chartering of the Marysville, Ohio, Numismatic Society on February 23, 1949, with Columbus as the sponsoring club. We are very proud to have the privilege of assisting this brand-new organization with its 17 charter members and 11 additional members elected on charter night.
— DEFEW HEAD, Secretary

DAYTONA BEACH NUMISMATIC CLUB — The third meeting of the Daytona Beach Numismatic Club was held in the Seabreeze High School March 9th. Sixteen members and guests were present. Harley L. Freeman presided.

R. J. Longstreet reported his visit with Mr. George Robinson, of the Daytona Beach Recreation Department. Mr. Robinson favorably responded to the club's proposal to place an exhibit in the hobby show to be held March 25-27.

F. A. Berger discoursed on a collection of 15 Byzantine bronzes, two Hawaiian tokens, three silver Japanese coins, and an assortment of tokens and foreign medals.

Harley Freeman revealed a unique and interesting pair of notes, a 5 and a 10 shilling note printed by the Colony of New York, which were neatly bound with an engraved portrait of the signer of the notes. These were the colony's first paper issue, dated 31 May, 1709.

J. U. Gillespie passed around an autographed copy of Frank K. Walter's monograph on the coinage of Henry IV, and a groat portrayed in this work, plate XIII, No. 1. Also shown was a tetradrachm of Syracuse, struck at the time to Agathodes, 317-310 B.C., identified as that sold in the Schlessinger Sale, Feb. 4, 1935, plate 14, No. 376.

Edward Gordon pointed out a Roman republican denarius of the Marcia Gens bearing a portrait of Ancus Marcius, and denarii of Mark Antony struck probably to pay the fifth and eighth legions about 41 B.C.

Kirk Adams displayed an enviable set of books on American colonial coins; Dickinson's Numismatic Manual, Crosby, "State Coinage of New England," Dr. Morris' "The Coins of New England," Harper's "Coins in America," Tatman's "Virginia Coinage," coinage of William, Noe's "Oak Tree Coinage of Massachusetts." — EDWARD GORDON, Secretary

DETROIT COIN CLUB—The 532nd meeting held March 3 at the Book-Cadillac Hotel with 35 attending. The correspondence was then read, after which Mr. Stehfest gave a report on the progress of the C.S.N.S. Mr. Kelly then gave a brief report on the Auction for the Convention.

Mr. Carlson of the Secret Service gave a very interesting talk on counterfeiting and then answered questions asked by the members of the club.

Mr. Moulton then gave a brief report on the Annual Banquet and the club voted to hold it at Huyler's on April 7th.

The Detroit Coin Club held its 533rd meeting March 17th with the monthly dinner meeting at the Abington Hotel. Members present were sixteen, with four visitors.

The correspondence was then read, after which the application of Mrs. Donna Bartl was read and she was elected to membership.

Mr. Reynolds from Flint announced the Banquet of the Flint Stamp and Coin Club.

— NEDRA GONZALES, Secretary

ELKHART COIN CLUB—The 36th meeting was held March 7 at the home of the president, Robert Ziems. A. O. Goeller gave a nice talk on Silver Dollars.

Exhibits:

Silver dollars by the President, Robert Ziems.

Bill Brimelow: Proof sets.

Jake Lemarr of South Bend: Proof nickels.

Door prizes went to: Bill Brimelow, Robert Ziems, Merle Toney and Robert Bloss.

William Davidson will speak on U. S. Currency at the next meeting.

— WILLIAM BRIMELOW, Secretary

GRAND RAPIDS COIN CLUB—The 15th meeting was held February 28 in the Grand Rapids Public Museum with 18 members and six guests present. President George Wolfe presided.

Four of the six visitors joined our club. Three junior members and one senior.

An auction sale was held with past President Frank Adams as auctioneer. Many very good condition coins were sacrificed by Dr. Miller, Mr. Houghs, and Mr. Cooley, for the benefit of our junior members. — A. J. URBAN, Secretary

KANAWHA VALLEY COIN CLUB—The 28th meeting held March 21st at the Y.M.C.A., Charleston, West Virginia. Fred S. White, Jr., President, presided. Twenty-seven members and four guests present.

Two new members were elected into the club. Two applications for membership were received.

A letter, written by A. Kosoff, Chairman, National Coin Week, was read by the president pertaining to the details of National Coin Week. Additional plans for a local exhibit were made including the location and a National Coin Week Chairman appointed.

M. E. Mills, speaker for the evening, gave a very interesting talk, mostly for beginners, giving several reasons why a new collector should join a coin club and the benefits derived, both for the collector and the club. Stating reasons why a club loses members. Giving important factors that govern the growth of a club and facts concerning the making of a successful meeting.

J. R. Woodford and Arque Bays each spoke a few minutes on the advantages of belonging to the American Numismatic Association. They distributed sample books and applications urging all members present to join, stating, approximately fifty per cent of the club are now members and they would like to see the club become one hundred per cent A.N.A. members.

Exhibits were the following: B. L. Cobbs, a complete set of dimes 1892 to date except for the 1894s. Also several dimes before 1892. H. Kenneth White, uncirculated 1947 maple leaf and 1949 Canada mint set. Fred S. White, Jr., complete set of Newfoundland cents.

— EARLE P. SMITH, JR., Secretary

LEHIGH VALLEY COIN CLUB—The 109th meeting was held at the Ronoco's Hall, Bangor, Pa., March 17, with 40 members and guests present. The meeting was called to order by the Pres., A. Detweller.

An invitation was sent to the Wilkes Barre Coin Club to attend the May meeting of the Club which will be held at the Neighborhood House, Palmerston, Pa.

Four new members were received in the Club and seven applications were received for membership.

W. R. Youlton, Bangor, Pa., gave a very splendid show of slides of the New England States and Eastern Canada.

F. Smith acted as auctioneer for the auction that followed.

— K. LOBB, Secretary

LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB—Sixty-one members and guests attended the 253rd meeting of this old established club. Prexy Gasser's campaign to enlarge the attendance is beginning to pay dividends. Five of the guests liked us so well they became members. They were R. E. DeMaupin, Mr. and Mrs. John Meyer, Ben H. Woodcock and Frank Tocco. Welcome to our midst. The coming San Jose Convention was exploited by Stewart Bingham an officer of the CSNA in the absence of Dr. Calvert L. Emmons, President.

Dr. Charles Ruby, quite an authority on U. S. cents and half cents, not to mention the fact that he has a near complete collection of both these series, gave a very enlightening discourse on half cents. He is quite partial to this sadly neglected series of our smallest

- 17483 **Sylvia Holt**, 806 West Pierce St., Milwaukee 4, Wis. U. S. General. L. W. Culver.
- 17484 **Will Jason**, 6533 Olympic Place, Los Angeles 35, Calif. Roman Empire and English. S. M. Koeppel.
- 17485 **George T. Rovolis**, 111 Barnard St., Savannah, Ga. U. S. General. G. H. Maul.
- 17486 **Joseph Edward Wilhauck**, 300 North 26th St., La Fayette, Ind. U. S. General. Warren A. Wallinger, Cliff Williams.
- 17487 **Corneliu Secasanu**, Bank of the R. P. R. Bankstat, Lipscaeni 25, Bucharest, Roumania. General. Vernon L. Brown, Harold S. Bowser.
- 17488 **Leo H. LeSan**, Bristol, N. H. U. S. General. Frank J. Katen, Frances M. Katen.
- 17489 **Charles E. Heite, Jr.**, 1819 E. Ninth, Wichita 6, Kansas. General. C. B. Edwards, E. J. Mueller.
- 17490 **H. D. Lippincott**, 112 N. Market, Wichita 2, Kansas. General. I. E. Rumpf, C. B. Edwards.
- 17491 **Dr. Robert I. Hinkley**, Box 715, Groveton, N. H. U. S. Minor. Philip Merrian, William A. Styles.
- 17492 **William D. Clark**, 446 South 12th, Salina, Kansas. U. S. General. Frank Bennett, F. P. Hazelwood.
- 17493 **Dr. S. Bell Lucant**, 2 First Ave., Little Falls, N. J. Crowns. Charles Hollander, Al Schradzki, William Hicks.
- 17494 **Albert E. Crook**, Frankfort, S. Dakota. Gold Coins and Old Currency. Carl Metzges.
- 17495 **Lewis J. Glauner**, P. O. Box No. 82, Atglen, Pa. American Coins. Raymond F. Simmers.
- 17496 **Mrs. Daisy M. Blew**, 5521 Colorado Ave., N. W., Longfellow Apt. 312, Washington, D. C. American Coins. C. Shirley Leachman.
- 17497 **L. M. Goza**, 1221 Pine, Arkadelphia, Ark. General. Dr. J. S. Schirmer.
- 17498 **Frank W. Smithson**, Mallory Lane, Franklin, Tennessee, U. S. General. L. A. McCall, James D. Miller.
- 17499 **Ray Houser**, 606 Cherokee Blvd., Chattanooga 5, Tenn. U. S. Coins. Philip Sherman, James D. Miller.
- 17500 **Chenango County Coin Club**, D. G. Cookinham, Secy., North Norwich, New York. J. M. Taylor, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 17501 **James C. Scearce**, 818 Main St., Shelbyville, Ky. U. S. General. Henry B. Cary, Scott McClain.
- 17502 **John B. Howard**, P. O. Box 296, Miami Beach 39, Fla. General. Edward Auerbach.
- 17503 **Wayne W. Jorgenson**, 1755 W. Albion, Chicago 26, Ill. U. S. General. T. J. Coakley.
- 17504 **Milton E. Peaster**, 3237 N. W. 26th, Oklahoma City 7, Okla. General. G. W. Brucher, H. W. Zeigler.
- 17505 **W. E. Thomas**, P. O. Box 1227, Medford, Oregon. Gold, Greek and Roman. Lewis M. Reagan, Eugene Thorndike, Diamond Flynn.
- 17506 **Donald S. Dreesen**, 412 North Chama St., Albuquerque, N. Mexico. U. S. Coins. Conrad W. Roeschke, W. M. Swayne.
- 17507 **John Procento**, 819 S. Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles, Calif. U. S. General. D. Zearing, Christian M. Peterson, Bert Wagner.
- 17508 **Leo Meyers**, 2905 South 13th St., Milwaukee 7, Wis. General. Edward E. Eron, Hubert L. Polzer, Lillard W. Culver.
- 17509 **Larry C. Stillion**, 2610 12th St., N. W., Canton 8, Ohio. U. S. Coins. Lawrence H. Suter, Jerry C. Blackstone.
- 17510 **H. A. Zeigler**, 419 Church Street, Indiana, Pa. General. Arthur Sipe.
- 17511 **Donald Young**, Route 2, Box 334, Gloversville, N. Y. General. Al Wick.

Reinstated

- 4843 **Waterbury Coin Club**, John Kleschka, Curator, 33 Mitchell Ave., Waterbury, Conn.
- 8284 **Frank S. Smith**, Box 231, Wheaton, Illinois.
- 6162 **Dr. Ben H. Sherrard**, Rock Island Bank Bldg., Rock Island, Ill. U. S. General. I. T. Kopicki, Harry T. Wilson.
- 8193 **William J. Williams**, Vernita Star Route, Sunnyside, Wash. Coins of Carson City Mint.
- 7505 **Topeka Coin Club**, Thomas A. Colbert, Secy., 613 Vesper, Topeka, Kans.

Deceased

- 2600 **George E. Chatillon**, New York, New York.
- 15332 **Charles Y. Clayton**, Rolla, Missouri.
- 15258 **Charles P. Kreuzer**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- 15819 **George Shay**, Skokie, Illinois.
- 8833 **Gordon S. Hollahan**, Yakima, Washington.

Expelled

- 11022 **John H. Flood**, Box 4026, Jacksonville, Florida.

Resigned

- 11534 **James V. Ayres**, Winnipeg, Man., Canada. 16227 **Sydney E. Bogdanoff**, New Haven, Conn.
- 11242 **Mary Bacigalupi**, San Francisco, Calif. 9406 **Frank Borovicka**, Hebron, Nebr.
- 9123 **James S. Ball**, New Castle, Pa. 15298 **William O. Boss**, West Collingswood, New Jersey.
- 14983 **David A. Berg**, Bridgeport, Conn. 11660 **Bradie Buchanan**, East Liverpool, Ohio.
- 15588 **Gordon O. Bjornberg**, Atwater, Minn.

- 10798 Richard S. Caldwell, Pittsburgh 12, Pa.
8724 Harry L. Cannann, Pacific Palisades, Calif.
10813 A. Everett Churchill, Stoughton, Mass.
10479 Edwin A. Clemmensen, Blue Earth, Minn.
5307 H. A. Crosby, Oakland, Calif.
3972 L. H. Dodd, Detroit, Mich.
14219 Howard W. Fairchild, Stratford, Conn..
14082 C. Graham Goodell, Baltimore, Md.
12609 Edward J. Hartnett, Cranston, R. I.
12162 Carl C. Helt, Hughesville, Pa.
10775 Charles Heydenburg, Chicago, Ill.
11456 Oscar L. Hurtt, II, Birmingham, Ala.
11368 Joseph Joaquin, San Diego, Calif.
12996 Donald F. Johnston, Browning, Mont.
12761 J. I. Jolley, Moscow, Idaho.
5402 C. V. Jones, Los Angeles, Calif.
10080 Mrs. Walter Kasputis, Tower City, Pa.
10156 Omar E. Klinger, Huntington Woods, Mich.
10114 Claude Landstra, Grand Rapids, Mich.
7734 LeRoi B. Laurion, Cranford, N. J.
12013 Charles Lo Monaco, Corona, N. Y.
6972 F. T. Lyttle, Zanesville, Ohio.
2390 Abbe Leon Marcotte, Sherbrooke, Canada.
1838 A. W. Morris, Springfield, Mass.
10801 Mrs. Hulda S. Muller, Manchester, N. H.
7589 J. Howard Murphy, Wolfe City, Texas.
10480 H. N. Nelson, Prosser, Wash.
4989 M. C. Nivison, Webster, N. Y.
15398 A. Osroff, Brooklyn, N. Y.
11254 J. Thomas Page, Waterville, Me.
16348 Thad S. Page, Jr., Baltimore, Md.
18703 E. C. Peck, Cheyenne, Wyo.
7502 Richard J. Rankin, Saginaw, Mich.
10764 G. D. Ridings, Melvin Hill, N. C.
10998 Saul S. Robinson, Beverly Hills, Calif.
11816 Lt. (jg) William F. Roeschel, Westville, N. J.
10989 Mrs. Vivian I. Royce, Seattle, Wash.
13616 Jerome Shiltz, Avon Park, Fla.
11631 J. J. Solomon, Columbus, Ga.
13096 Sale W. Starry, Littlestown, Pa.
8449 R. E. Stevenson, Earlington, Ky.
13165 Earle C. Storrs, Ruthland, Mass.
14691 A. J. Szymanski, Cicero, Ill.
9601 William E. Taggart, Huntington, W. Virginia.
13159 C. M. Thompson, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
7495 Louis A. Weiss, Brooklyn, N. Y.
12148 Nicholas C. Weisshardt, North Bergen, N. J.
13140 Mrs. Ruth Wells, Franklin Square, L. I., N. Y.
16553 Elmer E. Wolf, Columbus, Ohio.

Reports of Club Meetings

SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE: Reports should be made promptly. Copy must be received by the 7th of the month to insure insertion in the following month's issue. As a usual thing a copy of the minutes is sent in, and almost invariably a number of items of local concern only must be cancelled. The justification for publishing these accounts lies in the numismatic information - and encouragement - to be derived by collectors generally, regardless of location. On this basis we feel it advisable to revise and condense, and, incidentally, the by-product of this course is conservation of valuable space.

ALBANY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - The 235th meeting was held at the Albany Institute of History and Art on Thursday, March 24th. James E. Gratton presided in the absence of our President. There were twenty-three members and one guest present.

Mr. Reynolds, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced that the annual election would be held during the April 14th meeting.

James Lobinger was designated the speaker for our next meeting, his topic to be "Broken Bank Notes."

As the program for the evening, slides on the "Colonial Coins of the Americas" were shown with appropriate and interesting comments by Dr. Sartoris and Howard Kurth.

- ANNA M. IMFELD, Secretary

ATLANTA COIN CLUB - The 363rd meeting was held at the Henry Grady Hotel on March 2 with 16 members and six visitors present.

Former President Surry was elected temporary Chairman while George Todd and E. P. Morgan were elected to conduct the next two meetings, or until a new President is elected.

Our feature speaker for the evening was E. P. Morgan who gave us some interesting highlights about foreign and ancient money. He also displayed a frame containing interesting type coins

of ancient, medieval, to early colonial times. Special reference was given to the origin of our dollars and "bit" pieces of the Spanish dollar. Specimens were included in the display.

- VIRGINIA SURRY, Secretary

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB - The 59th meeting was called to order by Pres. Karl Brainard at 8 p.m., February 8th, at the Helen Foster Restaurant in Santa Monica, California. This fast-developing Club is attracting numismatists in the area with its fine spirit and interesting programs. This time we had eleven guests: Harvey Mills, Ralph Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Cahall, Mr. and Mrs. Weedertz, Mrs. Weiger, Mr. Dyer and Mrs. Kabealo, and Mr. and Mrs. Palmer. Seven of our guests were accepted as new members.

Sam Kabealo gave a 20-minute talk on "Coin Collectors Primer" designed for the beginner but of interest to all. Ralph Mitchell was called on for a few words and then Joe Block took the floor to lead a discussion on "Certain Modern Scarcities" in the Barber and Mercury dimes. Considerable discussion was aroused by Lou Friedman, all resulting in an interesting round table.

- BEN SCHWARTZ, Secretary

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB - The 60th meeting was held at Helen Foster's

Restaurant on March 9th. Pres. Karl Brainard presided, 44 members and guests in attendance. Among the latter were A. P. Gasser, Pres. of L. A. Club, and Mrs. Gasser, Adolph Larson, Jr., Dr. C. L. Emmons, Pres. of California State Num. Soc., Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Bingham, J. R. Stewart.

This being the end of our 5th year, one of our past presidents, Dr. O. K. Grier spoke in retrospect as did Mr. Larson. Dr. Emmons and Mr. Bingham gave us a preview of the State Convention scheduled for April 15-17 in San Jose.

Two applications for membership from Mrs. Marion S. Godshaw and Mr. Meyer were accepted.

- BEN SCHWARTZ, Secretary

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - The 794th meeting was held on March 15 at the Lenox Hotel with President Clapp presiding.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee it was voted that we meet on the third Monday of the month (rather than the third Tuesday) as a means of increasing membership.

Anthony Porcaro of the Collectors Club gave a very interesting talk on Odd and Curious Moneys of the World and his accompanying large exhibit contained many pieces which were definitely conversational, ranging from simple fish-hooks to the grotesque stone money of Yap.

Exhibits:

Mr. Clapp: Papal medals, Pope Pius IX; Napoleon III, 10 francs.

Mr. Conn: Commemorative set U. S. Gold, nine \$1 and two \$2.50.

Mr. Frates: Continental notes 1779-1780; Massachusetts cent and half-cent; 11 piece commemorative gold set, \$2.50 and \$1.

Mr. Gittes: Galboa Denarius; A. Vitellius As and Claudius deponidus.

Miss Levesque: Cuban Manufacturer's medal; Netherlands medal of Prince Henry; Queen Victoria, 1843; Mohammed Ali, Regent of Egypt; plaster paris casts of a religious medal of 1844 and Paris, 1830; memorial telephone medal Theodore N. Vail 1920 and Indian shell money, 1865.

Mr. Lowenstam: Queen Victoria medal with five bars.

Mr. Pollard: An Historical Account of Coins by Bishop Fleetwood, 1745.

Mrs. Pond: French and German hollow medals with battle scenes by Stettner, 1796 and 1813.

Mr. Shumway: 25 year A.N.A. medal.

Mr. Tuttle: Charles VII, Pretender, 5 pesetas 1874 and British Colonial half-dollar, 1822, struck for Canada.

Mr. Whiteneck: Panama Pacific International Exposition 1915, San Francisco, U.S.A. commemorative coins in original case, two \$50 slugs, \$2.50 and \$1 gold, and 50 cent silver; pattern large cent 1868 type of last issue 1857.

- JUNE T. POND, Secretary

BRONX COIN CLUB - The 186th consecutive monthly meeting was held February 23 at the Concourse Plaza Hotel at 7 p.m. at which time dinner was served. After dinner the meeting was called to order by President Engel. Twenty-four members and three guests were present and were welcomed by the president.

This was followed by a discussion of plans for traveling by private train to the A.N.A. convention in August. Letters from Sol Kaplan and Harry X.

Boosel were read. Several members present at the meeting expressed a wish to make the trip and were advised to communicate with Sol Kaplan of Cincinnati.

Alexander Von Sandro then read an interesting paper on the platinum coins struck by Russia about 120 years ago, giving the historical background for their issue, their use as coins and their discontinuance. He illustrated the paper by exhibiting three, six and twelve rouble coins in proof condition. This was followed by the reading by Mr. Seeman of a newspaper article on the assembling of a collection of silver dollars.

Topics for the meeting were the U. S. silver dollars from 1878 to 1921, coins of Imperial Russia and Russian colonies, and decorations of the United States.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Bellus: 1948 proof set of South Africa, roubles of Russia, and 100 and 50 mils emergency notes of Israel.

Mr. Blake: A replica by Bolen of the George Clinton cent with mule of Excelsior cent of 1787; one dollar banknote of the Park Bank of New York City.

Mr. Clark: 18 Russian coins for Prussia, Livonia, Siberia, Moldavia and Wallachia, Lauridia, Georgia and Russia.

Mr. Downing: 22 freak cents from 1793 to 1851.

Mr. Engel: 81 U. S. dollars from 1878 to 1921.

Mr. English: Silver dollars from 1878 CC to 1921 D.

Mr. Franklin: Freak off-center coins, blank planchet for silver dollar.

Mr. Gallo: 1836 large cent uncirculated, 1799 cent fine.

Mr. Girolamo: 1947 Italian set, Russian copper coins of Catherine II and Paul I.

Mr. Grunthal: Gold oval shaped presentation medal of 1601 with portrait of Christian II of Saxony.

Mr. Kemm: Morgan silver dollars from 1878 to 1921, five dollar silver certificate of series of 1923.

Mr. Knoth: Early Russian silver coins, Washington Manly medal.

Mr. Kortjohn: 35 Russian coins; 54 silver dollars.

Mr. Maley: Silver dollars of 1878 and 1921, 10 and 15 kopecks of 1861 of Russia, 5 lati of Latvia of 1931.

Mr. Marsicano: Coins of Russia, 1 1/2 srang of Tibet of 1937 and other recent issues.

Mr. McMahon: 10 and 20 markaa of Finland of Czarist regime.

Dr. Novick: Coins of Russia, two notes of concentration camp of Auschwitz, silver dollar of 1900, O mint.

Mr. Picker: 1856 coronation token of Russia, several U. S. dollars from 1878 to 1904, various Washington colonial tokens.

Mr. Seeman: Types of silver dollars 1795 to 1921.

Mr. Sghia: Twelve Washington medals, Russian roubles from Peter the Great to Nicholas II.

Mr. Vanden Brul: Tibetan rupees of 1936, peso and fifty centavos of Maximilian of Mexico.

Mr. Von Sandro: 18 gold coins of Russia with one specimen of each emperor from Vladislaus to Nicholas II, proof set of platinum coins of 3, 6 and 12 roubles.

Mr. Wagner: 23 campaign medals of the United States.

- MARTIN F. KORTJOHN, Secretary

BROOKLYN COIN CLUB - The regular 189th meeting, attended by 39 members and 5 guests, was held March 2nd. Due

to the fact that our meeting coincided with the first day of the Lenten season, most of the members, Protestant, Catholic and Jewish, met at 8 p.m. at Church of the Redeemer, 4th Ave. and Pacific Street, to attend the services conducted by Rev. Frank H. Hutchins, our Chaplain. His sermon was thoroughly enjoyed by our members since he made frequent references to numismatics.

At the conclusion of the services, we then adjourned to our regular meeting headquarters at the Hotel Granada. President Ryan called the meeting to order at 9 p.m.

The long delayed, but still welcome, presentation of medals of the A.N.A. to the participants in National Coin Week, 1948, then took place. All members who actively helped in the exhibitions for that event, were given this beautiful medal.

Exhibits by members and guests were as follows:

Mr. H. S. Bernstein: U. S. half dollars 1794, 1795 and 1801-1836 inclusive.

Mr. Blake: Boleu baseball token No. 1.

Mr. Bowser: 1947 New Zealand set.

Mr. Brown: China: 1 cent 1948; Germany: 1 pfennig 1948.

Mr. Chalef: Germany: 20 mark (gold) 1898 in plastic holder.

Mr. Coffin: Gold scudo of Pope Julius II; 1947 set of Canadian coins.

Mr. Downing: 53 varieties of the U. S. cents of 1794.

Mr. Feldman: Tirol: Rudolph II, 1607; Hungary: Leopold the Hogmouth 1702; Persia (Iran) 5 Krans 1933; Lubeck: thaler 1609.

Mr. Franklin: Examples of thick and thin cents weighing from 22½ grams to 60 grams, where the approximate weight should be 50 grams. Jefferson nickel struck in steel.

Mr. Gallo: 12 Papal Gold Ducats 15th to 16th centuries.

Mr. Ginzburger: South Africa: 1948 proof set; Ireland: current set.

Mr. Hollander: Vanikoro Island, Solomon Islands: box to hold "feather money."

Mr. Horowitz: Varieties of the dollars of China.

Rev. Hutchins: One tola (2/5 ounce) of .995 pure gold issued by Habib Bank, of Habib, India, in English and Gujarati.

Mr. Jenkins: Coins of Ceylon, Czechoslovakia, Chile, Colombia; Ireland: current set; South Africa: 1948 proof set.

Mr. Kaplan: U. S. 1813 to 1832, 8 uncirculated half dollars; Large cents 1793 to 1819; 1796 dime; 11 star cent.

Mr. Kemm: Two types of U. S. half dollars before 1836; 20 dollar bill showing the new reverse design; many varieties of coins from countries whose names start with letter "C."

Mr. Krauss: Czechoslovakia: 100 Korun 1948; in silver commemorating the 30th anniversary of independence; Syria: 2½ and 5 Piastres 1948 in nickel; Coins of Ceylon and Croatia.

Mr. Lang: U. S. half dollars 1829, 1832 S.L. and 1832 L.L.; Coins of Canada, Chile, China and Cuba.

Mr. Mertik: Czechoslovakia: complete type set of all issues; Canada: complete set of dollars; Coins of Cape Verde Islands, Ceylon, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Cutch and Cyprus (new 2 and 1 shillings - not piastres).

Mr. Nelson: Ireland: 6 shillings 1804; Czechoslovakia: 100 kroner and 50 kroner 1948; Canada: two dollars of the famous Duke of Windsor; China: 1914 and 1916 Yuan shi kai, Kwanchao auto-

mobile dollar, 1921 Tcsu shi chang, 1923 Tuan Chi Sui and 1933 Sun Yet Sen.

Mr. Nicoletti: El Salvador: 1, 5 and 25 Centavos; South Africa: 1948 proof set.

Mr. Portolano: Ireland: 1942 set.

Mr. Rice: Canada: 1945 and 1947 sets, Large and small size one dollar bills; U. S. notes of large size type; U. S. large size Gorham dollar encased in lucite.

Mr. Schiffman: Set of Chinese Burmese 1935: 1 Tael, obverse shows symbol of prosperity; 2 Tael, reverse shows inscription in Chinese and Burmese, both in pure silver.

Mr. Schwartz: All three varieties of the transportation tokens of the New York and Harlem Railroad Company (N. Y. 630 Nab,c and the token of I Gibbs (N. Y. 630 U).

Mr. Silverman: St. Gauden's Double Eagle, Roman numerals, wired edge; 1916 standing Liberty quarter found in circulation in 1937 and classified by the late Howland Wood as very fine.

Mr. Douglas Smith: U. S. large cent 1817 (NA 8½ unc.)

Mr. Susskind: New York State Libernatus cent 1787 Indian and Excelsior, extremely rare, only 10 such coins known to be in existence; Madagascar, Irish and Chinese tokens.

Mr. Thompson: Coins of Cuba, Colombia, Czechoslovakia and Canada; Irish Free State set of 8 pieces; 5 cent token of the Sesqui Centennial of Guernsey County, Ohio; Royal Arch chapter penny; U. S. 1829 half dollar.

Mr. Vanden Brue: Tibet: 3 Srang 1937; Various Canadian tokens and coins; Business card of Geo. Bauer (A.N.A. life member #4): obverse shows a very fine reproduction of a Greek tetradrachm, reverse is Mr. Bauer's card, struck in silver by A. A. Kolb of Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. Voigt: Ireland: various coins of 1820; U. S. half dollars: 1809, 1810, 1819, 1827, 1830 and 1834; Coins of Canada, Chile, China, Colombia and Cuba; Rome: Solidus of Constantius II, Sirmium mint 237-361 A.D.; Gold Bu; Various silver denarii.

Mr. Wishy: 1922 U. S. Grant with star; 1922 Irish Free State set.

- IRVING MERTIK, Secretary

BUFFALO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION - The 452nd meeting was held on March 14th at the Central Y.M.C.A. Building, with President Charles Prickett in the chair. There were fourteen members and three guests present.

At this time, our President told of the sudden demise of our fellow member, John M. Wale (BNA 129, ANA 14997). A motion was passed that a page be set aside in the minutes of the club in his honor and that a copy of this page and a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Wale and family.

Donations to the Club Library and Cabinet included a Convention Badge from J. Douglas Ferguson, Rock Island, Quebec, Canada; and a copy of the October 1945 *Numismatist* by J. M. Taylor, to fill the gap in our library.

A motion was made and seconded that we accept the invitation to participate in the auction and bourse to be held November 5th, 1949, at Hotel Statler by the Professional Stamp Club of Buffalo.

The meeting was adjourned so that we could listen to a talk and exhibit on stamps, by Al Chimera, emphasizing the commemorative issues. Mr. Chimera showed us some neatly mounted plate blocks of commemoratives and also some other rarities. His talk was very enlightening and the members extended

denomination coin, and predicted its rise in popularity within a very short time. It was pointed out that all four types of this series could be purchased for a very small amount. The rarity of certain dates such as the 1796 has remained as much a mystery as the 1799 large cent. It was also brought out that no counterfeits of the early dates have been found with lettered edges. The restrikes of this coinage, 1831 to 1852 are the only ones selling for almost the same price as the originals. He considers their degree of rarity, first, the 1852 original in proof as are all, second, the 1796 without pole, and third, the 1797 lettered edge. After the Professor's talk, the audience, having acquired more sense, should heed his advice and obtain more cents.

Some interesting displays, refreshments and an auction rounded out an enjoyable evening.

— JACK W. OGILVIE, Secretary

LOUISVILLE COIN CLUB—Sixth regular monthly meeting on March 22nd in the Library of the University of Louisville. President L. L. Howe called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. with twelve members in attendance.

National Coin week was discussed at length and President Howe appointed a committee of H. B. Cary, Nell Dermott and W. O. Haddaway to consider appropriate action by the club.

President Howe read a very interesting paper on U. S. Gold which was prepared by H. B. Cary and exhibited some of Mr. Cary's collection of gold in illustration.

— KENTON ATWOOD,
Secretary pro-tem

MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

—The 173rd monthly meeting convened at the Red Arrow Club on Friday evening, February 18. President Culver called the meeting to order. Thirty-two members and six guests were present. The guests were introduced to the members and were extended a hearty welcome.

Committees were appointed by Mr. Culver to handle the Club's auctions and the coming National Coin Week. Information and suggestions were exchanged by members regarding favorable display space for National Coin Week.

One new member was elected to the membership and two applications were placed to be acted upon at our next meeting.

Led by Pres. Culver, a discussion took place concerning the facilities to be offered by Milwaukee as a Convention City.

Numismatic material on exhibit was described by:

Frank S. Smith: China, gold \$10 and 25 Tael gold pieces of Yuan-shi-Kai, in full military dress.

Harry Collura: Philippine commemorative pesos, Quezon, Murphy.

Mr. Van Treck: Medieval bracteats and their history.

Art Heck: Set of dated 1948 Canadian coinage, new legend.

— LEONARD V. HINKLEY, Secretary

MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

—The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President L. W. Culver on Friday evening, March the 18th.

Forty-two members and six guests were present. Among the guests were three distinguished A.N.A. officers; they were, Lewis M. Reagan, Harold R. Kline,

and M. Vernon Sheldon. The guests were introduced to the membership and were extended a cordial welcome.

It was announced by the secretary that the Milwaukee Numismatic Society has been elected an associate member of the American Numismatic Society of New York.

An invitation was read concerning the Midwest Coin Conference to be held at Kansas City on April 23rd and 24th, 1949, sponsored by the Heart of America Numismatic Society.

J. V. McDermott spoke about the coming Racine Numismatic Society's annual banquet.

President Culver introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Lewis M. Reagan, General Secretary of the A.N.A. Mr. Reagan complimented us on our National Coin Week efforts of the past and gave us real encouragement for our efforts in the future. The highlight of his talk however, was when he, on behalf of the A.N.A., gave the Milwaukee Numismatic Society the "go ahead" signal for the 1950 A.N.A. convention!

Two new members, Arthur J. Christoph and William McGavock, were admitted to the membership.

Exhibits:

Carl Van Treck spoke on Medieval Bracteats and displayed a hundred year old book on bracteats, complete with superb hand engraved plates.

Mr. Joers: Coin jewelry, consisting of many gold and silver items of the first rarity, all linked, soldered, pierced and mounted to form rings, fobs, bracelets, necklaces, etc.

G. V. Highsmith: Thirty odd, Knights Templar enameled and ribboned medals.

Frank S. Smith: Oregon Exchange, pioneer gold \$5; Austrian Empire Tyrol triple-ducat, gold; Canada, 1914, \$10, gold; North Peru, eight reales, first type, uncirculated; Brazil 20,000 reis, gold, countermarked "Piratin."

Walter Klug: Two sets of Siam silver coins, showing the so-called "baby face" type and the more mature uniformed-bust type. The latter is said to have pleased the boy king the more.

Dick Seemath: Small Denomination uncirculated coins of San Marino, Iceland, Switzerland, Latvia, etc.

Don C. Keefer: Siam—Twenty various "packsaddle" tamlung pieces of old Siam; one-half ounce to four ounce "tok" pieces; one large willow design piece; one tongue shaped piece with elephant counterstamps; several heavy 4 ounce silver ingots all excessively rare.

L. V. Hinkley: Two Reichsthalers of Frederick the Great of Prussia, showing the cuirassoned bust type and the large head type.

After the meeting, Mr. M. Vernon Sheldon was kind enough to show slides of the earliest American currencies; starting with the Colonial provincial notes of the very early 1700's and down through the Continental currency notes of the Revolutionary War; including some rare and little heard of denominations.

— LEONARD V. HINKLEY, Secretary

NEW JERSEY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

—The 183rd meeting was held on March 10th at the Newark Athletic Club, 24 members and guests being present.

Mrs. Black reported for the program committee that Mr. Blake will speak on the subject of "Porcelain Coins" at the April meeting.

This being Red Cross month for the Society, our annual auction sale was conducted for the benefit of that organization. There were 25 lots, most of which were donated for the cause. Mr. Mathews, our Vice-President, served ably as auctioneer. The proceeds netted \$20 for the Red Cross, which was \$1 more than last year.

Exhibits by members as follows:

Mr. Blake: 12 Nickels of the Buffalo type with the Indian Head modified to form imaginary and fantastic faces. One of the first 10 Quarters paid to the public by the U. S. Treasury Dept. on day of issue, August 1st, 1932. A medal by the A.N.A. for 25 years of membership. A bill for \$1 issued by the Park Bank of New York in 1862.

Mr. Mathews: A set of Buffalo nickels Unc. A five and a one peso piece from Mexico.

Mr. Knoke, Large 100 Cash piece from China. 2½ Centimos "Pill" money from Panama. Greek tetradrachma of Ptolemy II.

Mr. Goodman: Eleven Buffalo Nickels 1913 to 1930 with profiles recut completely or in part.

Mr. Ragot: Several pieces of large size in silver, bronze, brass, and magnesium. Numerous very small coins, medals and tokens. Virginia Half Penny of 1777 and a variety of obsolete bank notes and Confederate bills issued in Virginia.

—SUSAN H. DOUGLAS, Secretary

NEW YORK NUMISMATIC CLUB—Meeting, Friday evening, March 11, Damon G. Douglas, president, presiding. There were Twenty-three members and four guests present.

The topics for the evening were:

U. S. Quarter-Eagles from 1796 to 1839. Coins of Australia.

United States demand notes, interest bearing, compound interest and refunding notes.

Medals and Tokens of Madison, Jackson, Tyler and Cleveland.

Exhibits were made by the following:

Ernst Kraus: Coins of the Indian Native States with Arabic, Persian and Urdu inscriptions. New issues: Syria 5, 2½ piastres 1948 nickel; Czechoslovakia 100 korun 1948 silver, 30th anniversary of Independence; Cyprus 2, 1 shilling 1947, copper-nickel.

H. S. Bareford: Quarter-Eagles 1805, 1836, 1838C, 1839C, 1839D. English silver and bronze sceats; silver pennies and one half-penny—both early Saxon and Norman.

H. K. Downing: Wreath type cents of 1793—6F, 7F, 8F, 9G, 9H, 10I, and 11J.

M. F. Kortjohn: Complete set of coins of Australia of the 20th century, also pattern Australian penny of 1921.

Damon G. Douglas: Medal struck on the occasion of the Peace of Westphalia, 1648.

L. Kusterer: Jackson tokens. Low #3, 4, 5, 8, 8a, 9, 10, 11, 44, 51, 52, 53, 171.

Joseph H. Spray: Quarter-Eagles 1796 no stars; 1802, 1808, 1825, 1831 1834 with and without motto; 1838, 1839D, 1838C, 1839D.

Bradford Babbitt: Mexican pillar dollar 1771. Several Mexican 2 reales and one real items; Caracas four reales 1820; Mexican Revolutionary items eight reales.

R. S. Holzman: Silver Red Cross medal of Germany 1914.

E. T. English: Medal for President Tyler; Mohammedan dinar 163 A.H.

Aaron R. Feldman: Broad thaler Lubeck 1609; Legal Tender \$5, \$10, \$20

Chittenden and Spinner.

Raymond Gallo: Three tokens of Andrew Jackson—#3, 4, and 5.

Oscar G. Schilke: Various medals by Thos. Elder.

Henry Grunthal: Cologne—Archbishops; taler 1555, 1556; half-taler 1558; taler 1568.

T. F. Morris: Specimen sample book prepared upon order of the Provisional Russian Government in 1917 by American Bank Note Company.

J. R. Francis: 14 kreuzer Brabant 1792; Maundy set (1d, 2d, 3d, 4d) 1792.

Mrs. Damia Francis: Nine U. S. half-dollars 1803 to 1824, including five over-dates.

O. T. Sghia: Melbourne, Australia, half-dollar size token by W. J. Taylor, Medalist to the Great Exhibition; Sydney, Australia penny size token struck by A. Toogood.

Mrs. Karl Gruppe: Shortsnorter with signatures of Generals Stillwell, Chenault and Arnold.

Harry C. Mathews: Mexico—5 and 1 peso 1948, uncirculated; bronze and silver medals 1847-1947 commemorating Battle of Chapultepec.

Mrs. D. G. Douglas: Political memorabilia of Grover Cleveland's three campaigns 1884, 1888 and 1892.

E. K. Hessberg: Quarter-Eagle of 1837.

Mr. Morris, for the Medallic Art Committee, reported that the bas-relief for past president Spray had been completed. Mr. Morris then introduced Mr. Gruppe, the artist, who displayed the model.

Dr. George C. Miles of the American Numismatic Society gave us a splendid informal talk on the coinage of the Arabs after they went into Persia, around the 7th century A.D. At first the Arabs used coins similar in design to the Sassanian coinage. They adopted a reform in the coinage around 695 A.D. Dr. Miles' interpretation and significance of the design on one of the early coins of this period was most interesting.

—VERNON L. BROWN, Secretary

ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB—President Charles Kiser called the 130th monthly meeting to order on March 23, 1949, with 86 members and guests in attendance.

The speaker, our own member from Upland, Fred Draper, told us how to detect nickel coins. He stated that the first use of nickel in coins was discovered in about 231 B.C. This metal was used in China as well as Europe. After only a few decades of usage, Draper said, the metal was forgotten. In 1850 Switzerland revised the use of nickel coins. It was interesting to several present that the magnet could detect all coins with nickel as well as iron. Several questions were asked the speaker, which showed the members were glad to have this information.

Through the work of Joe Steele three new members were added to our fast growing group of coin collectors. The raffle and auction were very successful. During the refreshment period, many viewed the coins on exhibit, as well as meeting old friends.

—CHARLES L. RUBY, Secretary

OTTAWA COIN CLUB—The regular March meeting was held at the home of the Secretary, Capt. Sheldon S. Carroll, on March 14, 1949, with a large number of members present. The President welcomed four new members, including three lady members.

In view of the very rapid increase in membership it was decided that it would no longer be possible to continue holding the meetings in the homes of the members. It was therefore decided to appoint a committee to investigate the possibility of renting a suitable room for the meetings.

A great deal of interest was aroused when Dr. C. M. Dent passed around for inspection a specimen of the extremely rare French Colonial VI deniers piece of 1717, (Breton 505). This piece was accorded "rarity 6" by Breton and valued by him in 1894 at \$100 to \$300. Very few collections of Canadian coins can boast a specimen of this interesting coin.

Much of the evening was spent in examining Capt. Carroll's collection of Canadian paper money which includes such scarce items as: Commercial Bank of Newfoundland, \$2 note, issued July 1, 1884; Hudson's Bay Company, 5 shilling note of March 1, 1866, and a set consisting of the rare 6, 12, 15 and 20 sous notes issued at St. Jacques de L'Achigan, Que., by Leblanc and Cloutier, Sept. 5, 1837. Also on display was a selection of several hundred Canadian coins, medals and tokens from Capt. Carroll's Cabinet.

— SHELDON S. CARROLL, CAPT.,
Secretary

PHILADELPHIA COIN CLUB — The 165th meeting held in the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, March 15, with President Hicks in the Chair and 35 in attendance.

Nicholas Palladino was elected a member.

It was decided that the interesting "News Letter" be sent to our entire membership.

Wm. C. Boston read a paper on U. S. pattern coins, supplementing his talk with a representative collection of such pieces.

Other exhibits:

F. J. Schaefer: Twelve pattern coins.

Howard F. Street: Types of dimes from 1840 to 1891; sets of Australiana and the Philippines.

C. E. Young: Winged Liberty head dimes.

Asher H. Leatherman announced the formation of a collection of United States coins at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia to be opened soon to the public.

— ARTHUR SIPE, Secretary

PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY COIN CLUB — The regular monthly meeting was held March 1 in the Philadelphia Electric Company Edison Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Thirty members participated in a very interesting meeting presided over by our president, N. H. VanRoekens. Among the things discussed at the meeting was the response which we obtained through our column in the Philadelphia Electric Company's magazine, "Current News." Considerable discussion was held on how to auction off the coins and a motion was made and passed to allow the employees of the Philadelphia Electric Company to submit coins for auction at face value plus a slight commission for the Coin Club. The person owning the coins will be invited as a guest of the Club the night his coins are to be auctioned.

A good display of foreign coins was furnished by A. Bannister, R. T. Ferris,

J. F. Baldwin, J. W. Guthrie, N. H. VanRoekens and J. T. Fagley.

The speaker of the evening was Col. J. Moss who discussed with us the advantages of our Club becoming a member of his Association.

— J. H. BECKMANN, Publicity

PORTLAND COIN CLUB — There were 20 members at the March 26th meeting held at the Graymore Hotel, Portland, Maine.

A coin display will be shown at the Canal National Bank during National Coin Week.

A paper on Freak Coins was read by the Secretary and a few freak coins were on display.

Refreshments followed by a board auction and the meeting was adjourned.

— LEON T. BLACKWELL, Secretary

RACINE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — The regular meeting was held February 12 at the Y.M.C.A. Ten members and guests were present.

A tentative date of April 30 has been set for our annual banquet and auction. The entertainment committee will try to make this banquet a big success.

Alan Porter suggested that we have at least one 15 minute speaker at each meeting.

Exhibits:

R. Kaisler: Germany, 50 pfennig, aluminum, 1921; 3 mark, aluminum, 1922; 5 mark, silver, 1936; Great Britain, 2 shillings, 1941.

L. C. Stahr: Five Mexican gold coins.

John Ciboci: Bank of Canada \$2 bill.

Matt Bergerman: U. S. half dime, 1856.

Ben Bailey: Complete set circulated Lincoln cents, all obtained from circulation within one year.

— E. R. HADY, Secretary

RACINE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — Regular meeting held March 11 at the Y.M.C.A. with 16 members present and Richard Yeoman in the Chair.

The date of May 7 was set for our annual banquet and auction. It will be held at St. John's Hall, Green Street, and a cordial invitation is extended to all collectors living in the vicinity of Racine.

Mr. Yeoman gave an interesting talk on slave money of Nigeria. He exhibited a specimen of this money (called "manilas") which had been sent to him by his friend Alex Bell, A.N.A. member of Hillingdon, England.

— E. R. HADY, Secretary

COIN CLUB OF RHODE ISLAND — The regular meeting was held at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel on February 25. Rev. Broberg presided over the meeting with 24 members and guests present.

Exhibits:

Mr. Wrathall: Japanese silver bu; Harvard Tercentenary medal 1636-1936; Pony Express medal 1860-1935. Two centavos of Panama; Ceramic duplicate of a silver medal, colored and fired in glaze.

Mr. Grant: President Harry S. Truman 1949 medal; Copper plate, Franklin Bank of R. I.; medal, Redwood Library, Newport, R. I.; St. Joseph medal of Canada 1624-1924; Set of 9 foreign and U. S. medals.

Father Broburg: Several crowns of the world; Queen Elizabeth shilling 1567.

Mr. Sirr: German inflation note; One gulden, Curacao.

Mr. Comacho: Album of Indian cents; album of Liberty nickels; 3 unc. Indian

cents in plastic.

- EDNA N. CZERWONKA, Secretary

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION - The 822nd meeting was called to order by President S. Clark Place, March 1, at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Science with 23 members and two visitors present.

E. H. Potter gave an illustrated resume of his recent trip through the north-eastern part of the United States and recalled his side ventures in coins.

Exhibits:

Mr. Pittman: Gold 1 and 2 pesos of Cuba. Four silver crowns of Sweden.

Mr. Osterman: Truman Inaugural medal.

- NORMAN F. PRINCE, Secretary

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION - The 823rd meeting was held Tuesday, March 15th, at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences. With 30 members and six visitors present. President S. Clark Place presided.

Other business being disposed of the speaker for the evening F. E. Peake was introduced by Mr. Judd, Program Chairman.

Mr. Peake spoke on the Coins of Russia. The title however was hardly suited to the talk as the speaker took the establishment of the Russian Mint and mint marks during the life of Peter the Great and for several years after his death as the basis for his talk. The numerous mint marks of the period 1701 A.D., the year of the death of Peter the Great in 1725, were explained and illustrated by the speaker. The paper was one of great detail and academic interest.

The speaker was accorded a vote of appreciation from those present.

Exhibits:

George Bauer: Coins of Russia and Siberian Russia, including a "Siberian Iron" Coin of 1780.

J. J. Pittman: Uncirculated crisp \$1, 2, 5, 10, 20, Snyder notes autographed by John W. Snyder; Uncirculated \$100 New York Federal Reserve Notes, Woods and Mellon; and Julian and Morgenthau.

- NORMAN F. PRINCE, Secretary

ROCHESTER JUNIOR NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION - The 22nd meeting was held February 18 with 18 members and nine visitors present. President Don Morgan called the meeting to order.

Reports were made by the treasurer and the secretary after which Father's Night was discussed. Several members offered to give a brief talk. The use of the treasury funds for the purchase of numismatic literature was also discussed.

Talks were made by Joe Buggie, Don DeBraal and Senior Member J. J. Pittman.

Prizes totaling \$25 were given by Emmett Peake to Jim McAvoy, Don Morgan and Tom Detro who were selected as having made the best talks last year.

- BRUCE R. GIBBS, Secretary

SEATTLE COIN CLUB - 152nd regular meeting March 31, 1949, in the Roosevelt Hotel, with 20 members and 11 guests present. The meeting was conducted by Howard Glickert, President.

A major portion of the meeting was devoted to the reading of the revised constitution and by-laws, by Mrs. DeNise, Chairman of the By-laws Revisions Committee. Discussion followed, in which

several minor amendments were acted upon. The constitution and by-laws were ordered mailed to all members in good standing, and will be voted upon at the next meeting. The most important items of the by-laws revisions are provisions for Junior Membership in the Club and the election of a Board of Directors to work with the Officers as an Executive Committee, in order that routine business may be dispensed with at the Club meetings.

The death of G. W. DeQuerico was announced. Chris Petersen moved that a letter of condolence be forwarded to his family.

Wilbur Daniel, Chairman of the Centralia Convention Committee, reported conferences with the Oregon Numismatic Society Officers regarding the forthcoming convention in Centralia. This report indicated that our Club is to handle the auction, with Ken Howell as auctioneer. Paul Fouts accepted the duty of Toastmaster for the banquet.

Comments were made, by various members, on the Coin display at the Seattle First National Bank. This display is being viewed by thousands of people daily, and is creating much public interest. In my opinion, the outstanding Coins are the Oregon Beaver gold pieces.

The highlight of the evening was a talk by Paul Fouts, on the tax tokens of the State of Washington, in which it was revealed that our state was the pioneer in the sales tax field. 24 Emergency, or interim, tax tokens, printed on paper or wood by private concerns, were used at the beginning. Mr. Fouts reported that Mr. Jenner, of the State Tax Division, was most cooperative in giving details regarding tokens. A very interesting display, the most complete in the state, was shown. Included in this display were a gold and a silver tax token, which Mr. Jenner had received from the manufacturer of the tokens. As only 10 of each of these had been made, Mr. Fouts considered this a real gift.

Wilbur Daniel presented an interesting display, with comments, on Japanese currency issued for The Netherlands. The denominations of this currency were 1/2, 1, 5, 10, and 100 Roepiah. This is a very rare issue, and a hard set to complete. He also displayed Jewish concentration camps note of The Netherlands, 1944 issue.

Mrs. DeNise read a letter from G. Marcoux, who has a large supply of 1942 Canadian Tombac nickels. Mr. Marcoux is interested in offers for these pieces. Little interest was shown by members of our Club.

Ken Howell, who is on active duty with the Army, introduced Colonel Strike and Captain Engle, his guests. Wilbur Daniel introduced his guest, Jack Schaffer, and Don Zearing presented Mr. Possento, of Chicago. Bob Barkley, a Junior Member of our Club (but a Junior in years only, as his fund of knowledge is certainly equivalent to anyone's in the Club), brought 4 of his young friends to the meeting. These boys were well received, and it is hoped they will become Junior Members.

A discussion followed, relative to a letter in a recent issue of *The Numismatist*, relative to elimination of Club reports. Our membership is violently opposed to this elimination, as we read these reports with considerable interest. It was passed by the Club that we voice

our objection to eliminating these reports.

—WALDO B. CHRISTENSON,
Secretary

WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

—The regular meeting was held at the U. S. National Museum on Monday, April 4, with President Peterson presiding. Thirty-two members and fourteen visitors were present.

Mr. Frederic E. Hodge, the number one member of the WNS, was introduced after being away for several months due to an accident.

This being ladies' night at the club, several exhibits of coins and currency were displayed demonstrating famous ladies of the world. Messrs. Welkert, Jones and Hill gave short talks on famous ladies of the world that appeared on coins and currency.

The principal speaker of the evening was Miss Margaret W. Brown, Acting Curator of Civil History U. S. National Museum; her subject, "Dresses of the Mistresses of the White House." Miss Brown's talk was most informative and very interesting; she illustrated her talk with colored slides of the dresses in the collection at the National Museum. At the conclusion of her talk, Miss Brown received a hearty applause from the audience.

Mrs. M. L. Peterson was in charge of the refreshments for the evening. Drinks, ice cream and cake were enjoyed by everyone.

—HARRY S. MAFFETT, Secretary

WESTCHESTER COUNTY COIN CLUB

—The 177th regular meeting, held at the New Rochelle Y.M.C.A., Tuesday, March 15th, featured coins and exhibits of Benjamin Franklin's era. President Johnson welcomed a group of more than 25 members, their wives and guests, and introduced Robert J. Christensen of the Franklin Society, New York, an authority on the life and times of Ben Franklin. Mr. Christensen touched on the many highlights of Franklin's career and illustrated his talk with large poster drawings depicting various outstanding events which have made Franklin famous in American history. Following Mr. Christensen's talk, members and their guests, including two direct descendants of Franklin, the Misses Bache, displayed coins and curios of the Franklin era.

The next portion of the meeting was shared by our special guest of the evening, Donald Audette, a patient at Kingbridge Veterans Hospital. Mr. Audette, currently organizer of a stamp club at the hospital, spoke of President Johnson and Mr. Massey's recent visit to the hospital and reported that their efforts to foster interest in a coin club there were highly successful. Mr. Audette stated that at least a dozen hospitalized veterans would be keenly interested and he thanked our club for showing such an interest in this project. Discussion followed relative to organization of a coin club at Kingbridge hospital and further action is planned at the next meeting.

Coins of the evening, Ben Franklin and France, were displayed by the following members:

Mr. Massey: 75 coins of France and colonies, 1 cent U. S. encased postage stamp of Civil War period with portrait of Franklin.

Mr. Tancza: Uncirculated set of 11 medallions commemorating well-known

men of American history, Uncirculated 5 Mark gold piece.

Rev. Lewis: Proof set of nickel Three-Cent pieces, Uncirculated and proof set of Two-Cent pieces including the 1864 SM Unc., proof 1905 Lewis & Clark Commemorative gold dollar, 1804 gold Quarter Eagle, very fine, 1870 proof dollar and the 1901s Quarter dollar about uncirculated.

Mr. Marsden: Fugio Cent, 2 pieces of Continental Currency, an article describing the Fugio Cent, an autographed picture of Ben Franklin by Benjamin Bache Huntington.

Mr. Lighte: 3-inch gilt Bronze medal bust of Franklin, 1½-inch pewter medal of Franklin, Columbian Exposition Ticket with insert of Franklin, two 10 dollar National Bank notes, series 1882, both with oval picture of Franklin.

Mr. Hart: Uncirculated 1948 Franklin half dollars, 5 prewar French minor coins, 3 Chamber of Commerce "Bon Pour 1 Franc," 2 different Occupation coins.

—STEPHEN HART, Secretary

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — Regular meeting March 1 at the Carnegie Museum with nine present and Robert S. Porter presiding.

Exhibits:

Mr. Piper: A fine collection of wooden nickels.

Mr. Woodside: England — gold coins of Elizabeth, Fine gold sovereign angel and ¼ angel, crown gold hammered ½ pound and crown, milled ½ pound and crown.

Mr. Scaife: 1803 half eagle, V. F., 1750 Netherlands gold 14 guilders, unc., 1656 Siebenburgen, gold ducat, V. F., 1861 gold plated, platinum 100 Real piece, 1506 gold florin of Bavaria, 1739 gold 3 ducats of The Netherlands, proof.

Mr. Young: Type sets of gold Liberty Head: \$¼ to \$20.00 including the \$3.00 piece and type I, II, and III \$1.00 pieces. St. Gaudens \$2½ to \$20.00. Foreign 3-20 mark and 2-10 mark German coins. Miscellaneous of foreign currency — mostly current.

Mr. Porter: Gold currency notes — \$50 large note Spellman, White, \$20 Parker, Burke, \$10 Teehee, Burke, \$20 small note Woods, Mellon, and \$20 Tate, Mellon.

Mr. Kennedy: ½ cents 1793-1794, U. S. cent (large) 1794.

Mr. Lencofsky: ¼ Calif. Gold unc., ¼ Calif. Gold unc., \$1 Calif. Gold unc., \$2 Newfoundland proof, 1905-D \$2½ gold unc., 1878 \$3 gold unc., and 1881 \$5 gold unc.

Mr. Kachmar: \$1 gold 1852, \$2½ gold 1852, \$2½ gold 1908, \$2½ gold 1915, \$2½ gold 1929, \$2½ gold 1926 sesqui, \$3 gold 1874, \$5 gold 1891-CC, \$5 gold 1887 and block of six 5c postage currency.

—JOHN S. KACHMAR, Secretary

WESTERN RESERVE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — The 336th meeting was held March 9 at Hotel Carter with 26 members and guests present. President Hahlen welcomed three guests from the Sharon, Pennsylvania, club.

The following exhibits were briefly described.

E. G. Bell: 58 large cents, extremely fine.

Fred Hahlen: Irish set 1931.

H. J. Law: Tribute penny of Tiberius; aureus, same type.

V. L. Oblisk: Four silver coins of Brandenburg.

J. F. Sawicki: Sestertius of Antoninus Pius, Britannia.

A. P. Spencer: Six portrait denarii of Julius Caesar.

M. L. Shattuck: 1861 Confederate half dollar token.

— AMBROSE P. SPENCER, Secretary

WORCESTER COUNTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY— March meeting held at the Natural History Museum with 29 present and President Tilton in the chair.

For the Library Committee Miss Cloues read a paper on private gold coinage of the Mass. and California Co. Sam Gow reported on the work the Society is doing at the Veterans Hospital

in Rutland. There are already twelve actively interested in coins up there and we plan to have some member go there every week. Members were urged to bring in all mint mark cents they could spare to send up to the veterans.

One application for membership was received from Harry Rossland. Everett Cark, Charles Monigle, Fred Parker and David Nokonen were received as new members. Copies of Harold Whiteneck's standard coin classification were distributed, and all members were urged to bring a new member next month.

— EARL BELLIS, Secretary

COME ON — SAN FRANCISCO BECKONS

It's May and every numismatist's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of conventions; this year the 58th ANA Convention at the famed Palace Hotel in fabulous San Francisco.

No, it's not too early though August 21-24 seems far away. The Committee is hard at work to please you so that your room will be a comfortable one and your stay enjoyable.

We want to know what you plan to exhibit so that a proper display space may be reserved for you.

As soon as the General Secretary's office calls for Room Reservations, get your form, fill it out, send it in!

We want to give you the "Best Time Ever." Your prompt cooperation will help.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES — PLEASE NOTE

This is just a reminder with reference to the ANNUAL District Secretaries Contest which is made possible each year through the kind generosity of Abe Kosoff and Abner Kreisberg of the Numismatic Gallery.

The awards are given to the District Secretaries who bring in the largest number of new members and who are also responsible for the organizing of at least one new JUNIOR COIN CLUB.

The awards are as follows:

- 1st AWARD \$50.00 SERIES "E" U. S. SAVINGS BOND
- 2nd AWARD \$25.00 SERIES "E" U. S. SAVINGS BOND
- 3rd AWARD \$25.00 SERIES "E" U. S. SAVINGS BOND
- 4th AWARD \$25.00 SERIES "E" U. S. SAVINGS BOND
- 5th AWARD \$10.00 U. S. SAVINGS STAMPS

Please bear in mind that to qualify for an award you must organize at least one JUNIOR COIN CLUB.

Let's all get in the fight—the awards will be presented to the winners at the San Francisco Convention.

"MAY THE BEST MAN WIN."

— HAROLD R. KLEIN
Second Vice President